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Note: Taishi is the Grand Tutor or Mentor to the Young Emperor or Crown Prince.

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Ch60 AN HONEST CONVERSATION

BECAUSE TAISHI FRIGHTENED ME, SO...
BUT DUE TO TAISHI'S BUSY SCHEDULE, IT'S STRANGE THAT YOU STILL REMEMBER ME.
YOU LEFT LUOYANG QUITE SUDDENLY, I THOUGHT FOR SURE...
I MIGHT BE OLD,
BUT MY MEMORY IS STILL GOOD.
YOU KNOW ALL MEN HAVE ONE COMMON ILLNESS,
NO MATTER HOW OLD THEY ARE.
TAI...TAISHI IS AN ELDER BUT STILL VIRILE, EVEN YOUNGER GENERATIONS ARE LEFT TRYING TO CATCH UP!

THEIR LUSTFUL-NESS NEVER CHANGES.
IF YOU'RE A REAL MAN, YOU SHOULD BE HONEST.
JUST LIKE MY DESIRE TO CONQUER THE WORLD:
I DARE TO SPEAK IT AND I DARE TO ACT.

AM...AM I REALLY GOING TO SAY IT?

WHAT...WHAT SHOULD I DO?

AND I KNOW EXACTLY WHAT YOUR MOTIVES ARE.

A REAL MAN WILL REVEAL EV-ERYTHING!

MEN HAVE ANOTHER COMMON ILL-NESS, AND IT'S THEY COVET WEALTH AND POWER.

I AM NOT AS ABLE AS TAISHI, AND I AM LATE IN MY YEARS...

PON

OLD MEN CANNOT KEEP UP WITH THE STRUGGLE FOR POWER.

ALL I WANT IS TO KEEP MY MONEY AND ENJOY MY REMAINING YEARS.

THEN, *WHAT DO YOU COVET?* WEALTH OR POWER?

IMME-
DIATELY.
GOOD, BUT YOU HAVE TOO MUCH POWER. YOUR OLD WAYS ARE NOT IN KEEPING WITH THE TIMES.
STAYING HERE WOULD IMPEDE THE GROWTH OF THE YOUNGER GENERATION.
LI... LI RU COULD TAKE MY PLACE.
I LIKE YOUR HONESTY. WHEN ARE YOU LEAV-ING?
YOUR SUGGES-TION MAKES ME VERY HAPPY.

TAISHI, MY FATHER LOVES TO MAINTAIN HIS REPUTATION, IF HE SUDDENLY LEFT, IT WOULD CAUSE A COMMOTION. TO SAVE FACE WE HOPE THAT TAISHI WILL *PERSONALLY* SEND HIM OFF.

WE'LL SEND HIM OFF WITH HUNDREDS OF OFFICIALS; MY CONDITION IS *YOU STAY BEHIND!*

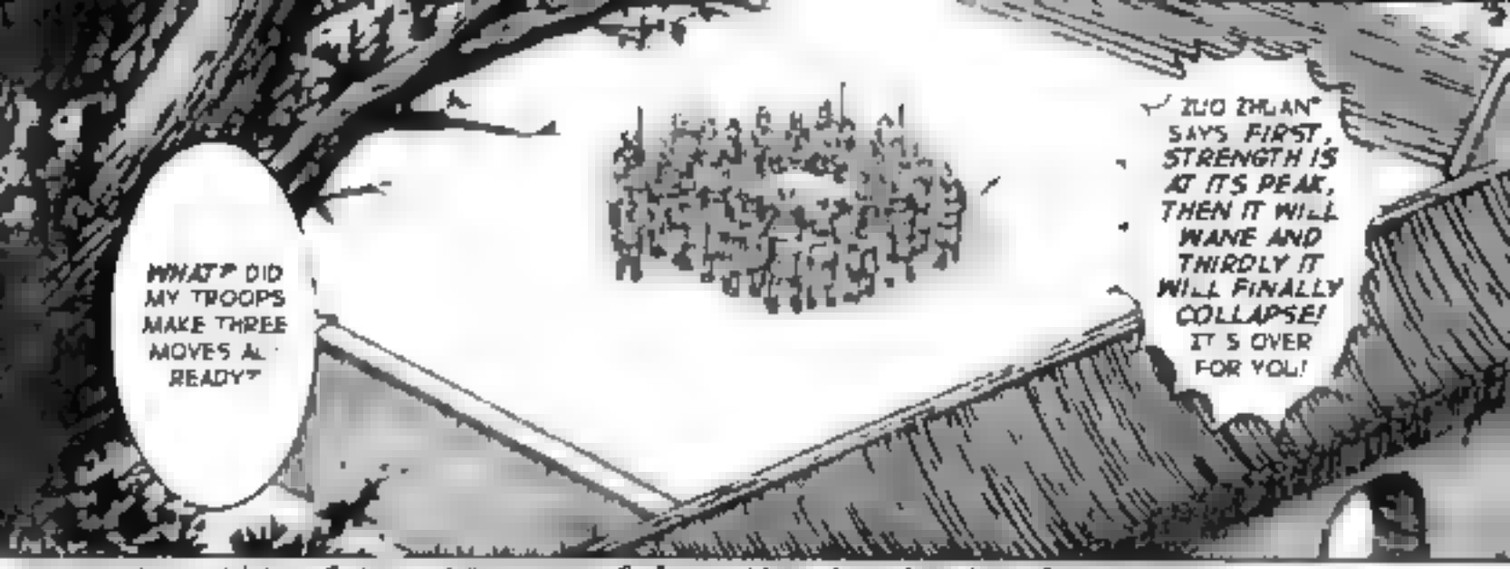
WANG YUN.
H-HERE!

IS...THIS HOW THE HANDICAPPED WARRIORS ARE GOING TO SAVE ME?
THAT'S RIGHT! WITH DONG ZHOU PRESENT, HOW COULD LU BU DARE DO ANYTHING?

WE'LL DO EXACTLY AS YOUR FOSTER DAUGHTER SAYS...
AS A MAN GETS OLDER, HIS LUSTFULNESS DOES NOT CHANGE.
DIAO CHAN WAS RIGHT; WHEN YOU'RE OLD YOU CAN'T HANDLE IT ANYMORE...
THANK YOU, TAISHI.
S...SUCCESS.
THIS BUSINESS IS OVER; NOW TO THE NEXT ONE.

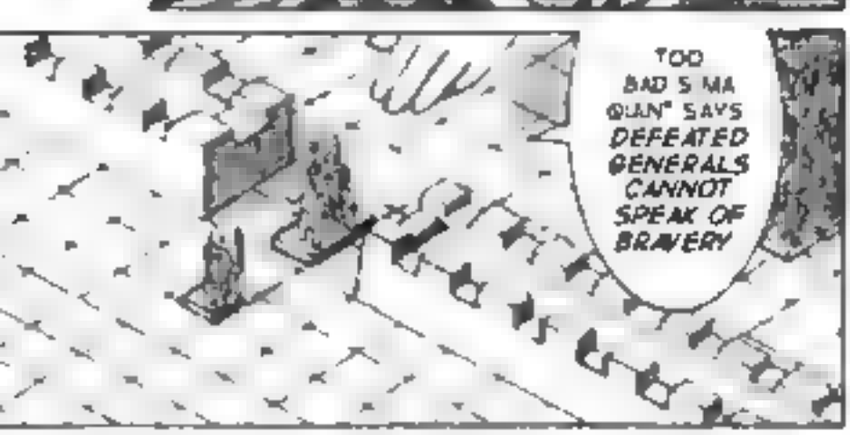
PON
NOW IT'S OUR TURN TO HAVE AN HONEST CONVERSATION

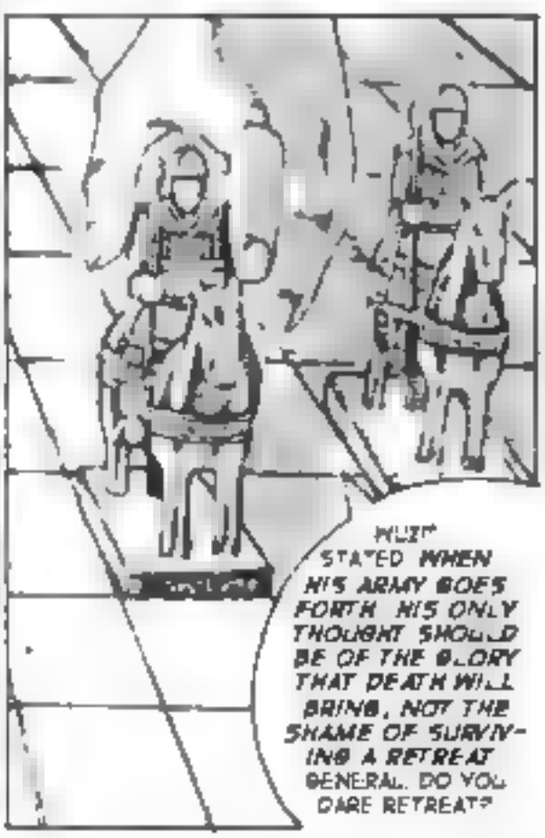
FOR EXAMPLE
WHAT THE HANDICAPPED WARRIORS ARE PLANNING NEXT
YOU THINK I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE PLANNING?
GUARDS! TAKE THEM!


WHAT? DID MY TROOPS MAKE THREE MOVES AL READY?
SUN ZHUAN* SAYS FIRST, STRENGTH IS AT ITS PEAK, THEN IT WILL WANE AND THIRDLY IT WILL FINALLY COLLAPSE! IT'S OVER FOR YOU!

Note: Sun Quan attributed to The History of Chinese Classics The Spring and Autumn Annals of [illegible]

WE'RE DEEP IN ENEMY TERRITORY GUARDS ARE LYING IN AMBUSH AND WE'VE ALREADY LOST HALF OUR TROOPS
WE FELL INTO THE ENEMY'S TRAP AND OUR TROOPS WERE DECIMATED NOW THERE ARE ONLY THREE DIVISIONS LEFT




WUZI* STATED WHEN HIS ARMY GOES FORTH HIS ONLY THOUGHT SHOULD BE OF THE GLORY THAT DEATH WILL BRING, NOT THE SHAME OF SURVIVING A RETREAT GENERAL, DO YOU DARE RETREAT?

Note: Sima Qian was the Prefect of Grand Scribes of the Han dynasty. He is regarded as the Father of Chinese historiography

Note: Wuzi Chinese Military Strategist

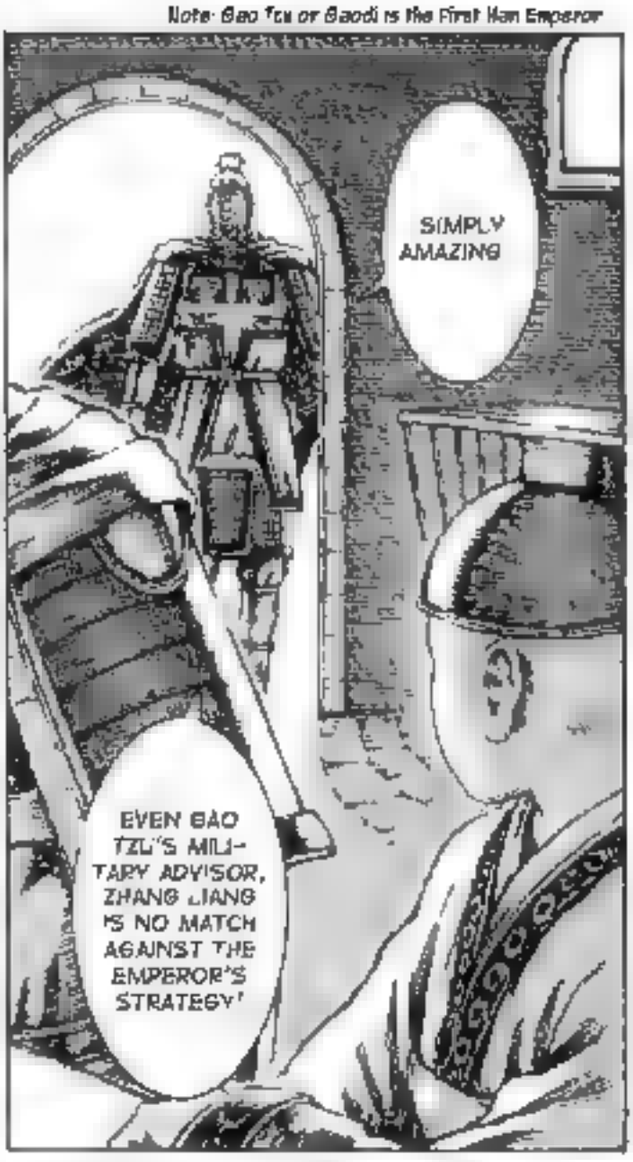
YOU'VE BEEN SURROUNDED! ZHANG LIAO, YOU'RE FINISHED THIS ROUND!

YOU ADMINISTER THE NATION, LIKE YOU COMMAND THE TROOPS AT SUCH A YOUNG AGE,
THE WORLD WILL BE IN AWE OF OUR NATION!

OF COURSE. IT'S *MY NATION*, IT SHALL BE THIS WAY

I TRULY ADMIRE YOUR HIGHNESS'S *BRILLIANT* STRATEGY!
I AM SPEECHLESS IN DEFEAT

Note: Gao Tzu or Gaodi is the First Han Emperor



Note: Sima Fa of Qi during the Warring States wrote "The Methods of the Minister of War"

ZUO ZHUAN SAYS ONE DAY OF MERCY UPON YOUR ENEMY WILL BECOME SEVERAL LIFETIMES OF WOE
SIMA FA" SAYS THE NATION IS VAST BUT DEATH IS CERTAIN TO THOSE WHO CONSTANTLY WAGE WARS RETREAT AND DEFEND
BUT RETREATING IS ALSO DIFFICULT SO PLEASE GIVE ME A CHANCE!
YOUR MAJESTY HAS IMPROVED IMMENSELY.

CHESS IS LIKE ADMINISTERING THE NATION, RESERVING YOUR STRENGTH DOES NO HARM TO YOUR NATION.
BUT IF I LET YOU GO, YOU WILL COME BACK EVEN STRONGER

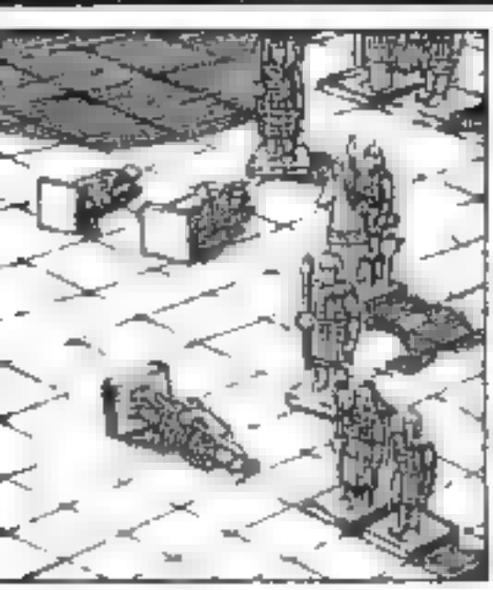
THOSE WHO FORGET THEY ARE IN BATTLE WILL BE ENDANGERED THE STRONGEST WARRIOR WILL BE INJURED
THERE IS NOWHERE TO GO
WAIT... WAIT A MINUTE.
I'M A MILITARY MAN; IT'S MY NATURE TO HAVE AN AGGRESSIVE OFFENSE
COUNTER ATTACK.
WAR IS NO CHILD'S PLAY, A MOVE IS MADE WHEN YOUR HAND LEAVES THE CHESS PIECE
LL BL, YOU TOO HAVE LOST.
I SEE ONE DAY THE WORLD WILL BECOME YOUR MAJESTY'S

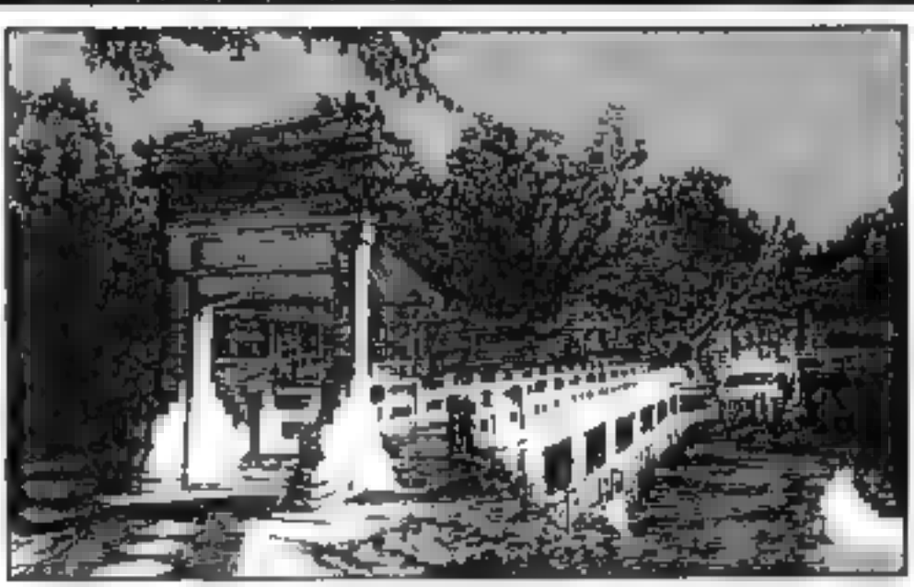
THE WORLD IS A CHESS GAME
WHAT DO YOU MEAN? IS IT NOT MINE NOW?
RIGHT NOW, YOUR HIGH-NESS
IS SOMEONE ELSE'S CHESS PIECE.

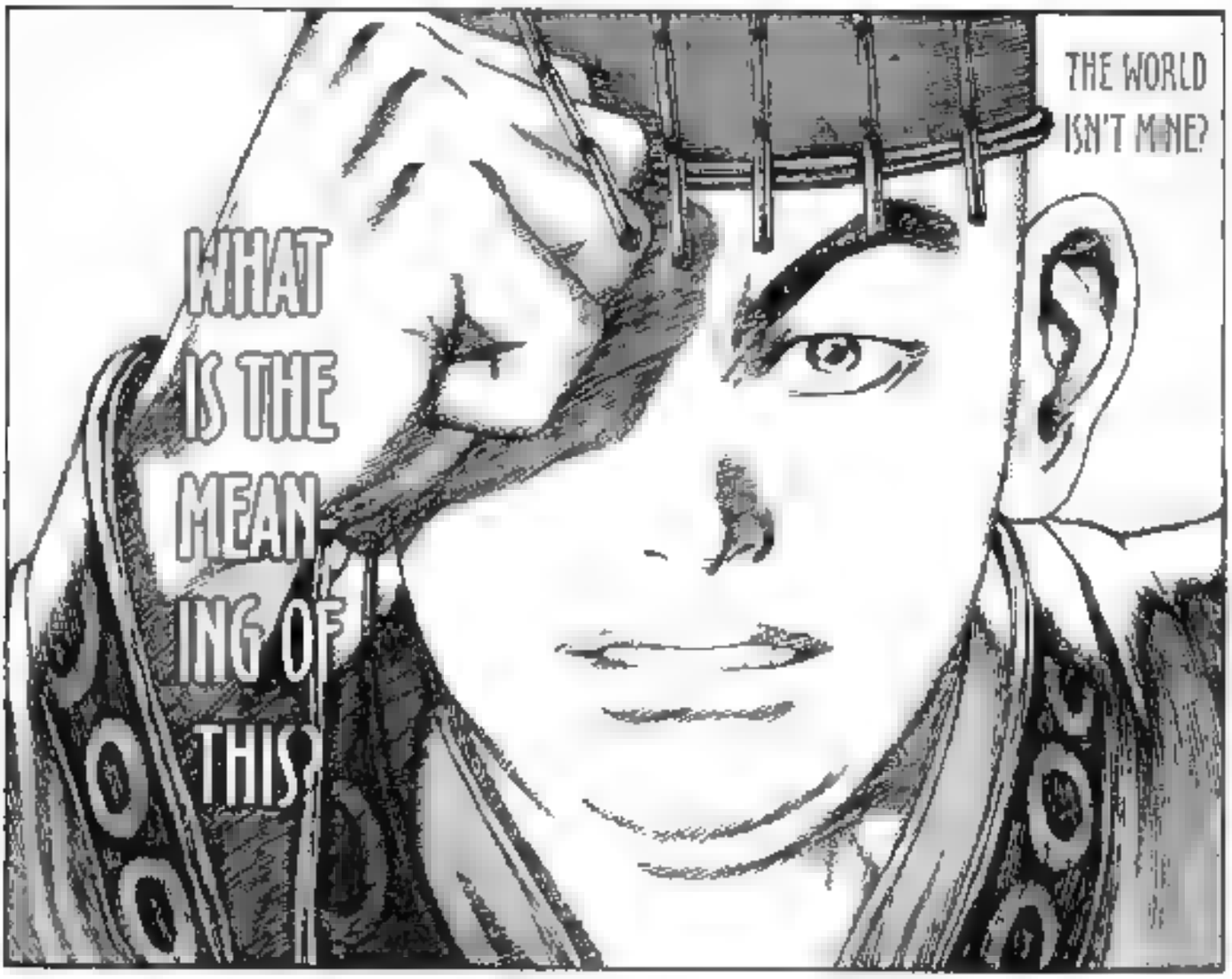
IN THE END, A KID IS JUST A KID
SOMEONE ELSE'S CHESS PIECE...
DONG ZHUO'S CHESS PIECE?
WHEN THEY'RE AT THIS AGE, THEY HATE BEING TOLD WHAT TO DO
MASTER, YOUR CHESS THEORY HAS BEGUN TO STIR HIS AMBITION.
I'M AFRAID THAT IF YOU KEEP PLAYING WITH HIM HE'LL...

THAT MEANS HE WON'T BE UPSET BY DONG ZHUO'S DEATH
I WANT HIM TO HAVE THE AMBITION TO TAKE OVER THE WORLD
DONG ZHUO HAS BEEN FOR-EVER TAINTED BY THE CRIME OF HOLDING THE EMPEROR HOSTAGE.
MASTER, YOU MEAN IF THE HAND-CAPPED WAR-RIORS CANNOT COMPLETE THEIR MIS-SION,
WE'LL HAVE TO KILL DONG ZHUO?
WHAT ARE YOU AFRAID OF? WE'LL BE CROWNED HEROES FOR DEPOSING A DESPOT, WE'LL ALSO GET INTO THE GOOD GRACES OF THE GUANDONG ALLIANCE. WE CAN STILL HOLD THE EMPEROR AND EXERT CONTROL OVER THE LORDS
WHAT'S THERE NOT TO BE HAPPY ABOUT?

EVERY-
THING IS
COMING
TOGETHER
PERFECTLY
EXCELLENT!
LET'S
GO HAVE A
DRINK!







Note: Huan Kuan was a scholar of the Western Han

I'M ALSO SOMEONE WHO ENJOYS SITUATIONS ON THE VERGE.

LAST TIME IN THE CITY OF KINGS, WHEN LUU BU WAS FIGHTING THE HANDICAPPED WARRIORS,
PEOPLE SAW YOU TOGETHER WITH THEM.

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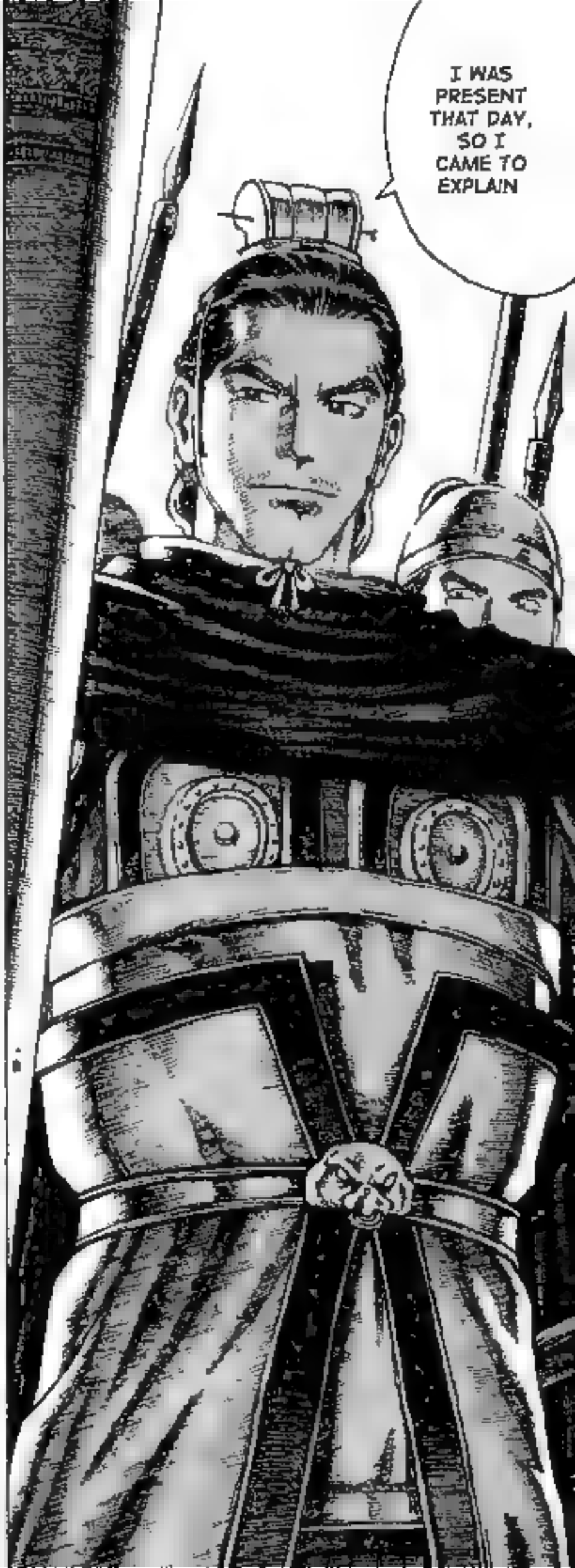
WELL? HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN THIS?
EVERYONE IS WONDERING WHERE SUCH A FEARSOME GIRL CAME FROM.
THE HANDICAPPED [redacted] LUOYANG DISCOVERED THAT FOSTER FATHER HAD A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN.
SO THEY INFILTRATED THE PALACE AND [redacted] TO ESCAPE THE CITY

WANG YUN, WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY SOMETHING?

FOSTER FATHER, YOU WERE BUSY WITH COURT AFFAIRS.

YES... I ASKED GENERAL LUU TO SAVE MY DAUGHTER.


I WAS PRESENT THAT DAY, SO I CAME TO EXPLAIN

THE FOUR XIUANG MERCHANTS HAVE ARRIVED. THEY ARE WAITING IN THE PALACE.
OH, THAT'S RIGHT.
THEN I WAS BEING TOO SUSPICIOUS.
READY THE CHARIOT
EXCELLENT I HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR THEM FOR SOME TIME.
THANK... THANK YOU, TAISHI!
FIRST THING TOMORROW MORNING, I WILL *PERSONALLY* SEND YOU OFF
WANG YUN,

FOSTER FATHER, WANG YUN IS AN ACCOMPLISHED MAN; HE NEEDS A PROPER SEND-OFF.
IS WANG DAREN RETIRING?
YES.
YOU SHOULD ESCORT AND SEND HIM OFF WITH HUNDREDS OF OFFICIALS.
GOOD, I WILL NOT LEAVE HIS SIDE.
IT'S...
IT'S OVER...

FORMATION!
DIDN'T I TELL YOU THAT YOU COULDN'T ESCAPE FROM ME?
AM I RIGHT, DIAO CHAN?
MEN ALL HAVE THE SAME ILLNESS OF LUSTFULNESS.
YOU REALLY ARE A RELENTLESS ANNOYANCE.
WHAT YOU MEAN IS I'M GOING TO BE HELD HOSTAGE.

DRAWG
SFX CLANG
SFX STAB
YOU CAN SAY "HELD HOSTAGE", BUT WHY NOT SAY, "ENJOYING THE WORLD TOGETHER"?

MANS DAREN, HAVE YOU CONSIDERED THAT RELINQUISHING YOUR POWER WOULD BE AN UNFORTUNATE EVENT?
NOW, IT'S OUR TURN TO HAVE AN HONEST CONVERSATION

「THE PALACE」
YOUR TEA.
WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS YOU'RE GOING TO END YOUR BUSINESS IN THE OUTER REGION AND INVEST EVERYTHING IN CHANGAN?
IT'S MADE WITH WILD TEA LEAVES FROM THE OUTER REGION
HA. IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME

I'M EMBARRASSED, ACTUALLY WE'VE ENDED ALL OUR BUSINESS AND WE'VE ALL MOVED TO CHANGAN.
TAISHI, YOU SHOULD BE HAPPY WITH SUCH A LARGE CAPITAL.
COMPARED TO THE OUTER REGION, CHANGAN HAS A GREATER CONCENTRATION OF PEOPLE IT WILL BE MUCH EASIER TO CONDUCT AND EXPAND YOUR BUSINESS
THAT'S RIGHT, WITH GREATER TAX COLLECTION, THERE ARE NO DISADVANTAGES.
OF COURSE I'M HAPPY, WHO WOULD COMPLAIN ABOUT TOO MUCH MONEY? WHAT DO YOU THINK?
GOOD, I SHARE THE SAME OPINION
IT'S A GREAT IDEA FROM THE DUKE OF WEN.

ALL THE FUNDING WILL BE UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE CAPITAL THERE WILL BE NO PROBLEMS

MY LORD WHILE WE'RE GONE PLEASE BE CAREFUL

THEN WE WILL HELP OUR LORD PACIFY THE WESTERN TERRITORIES

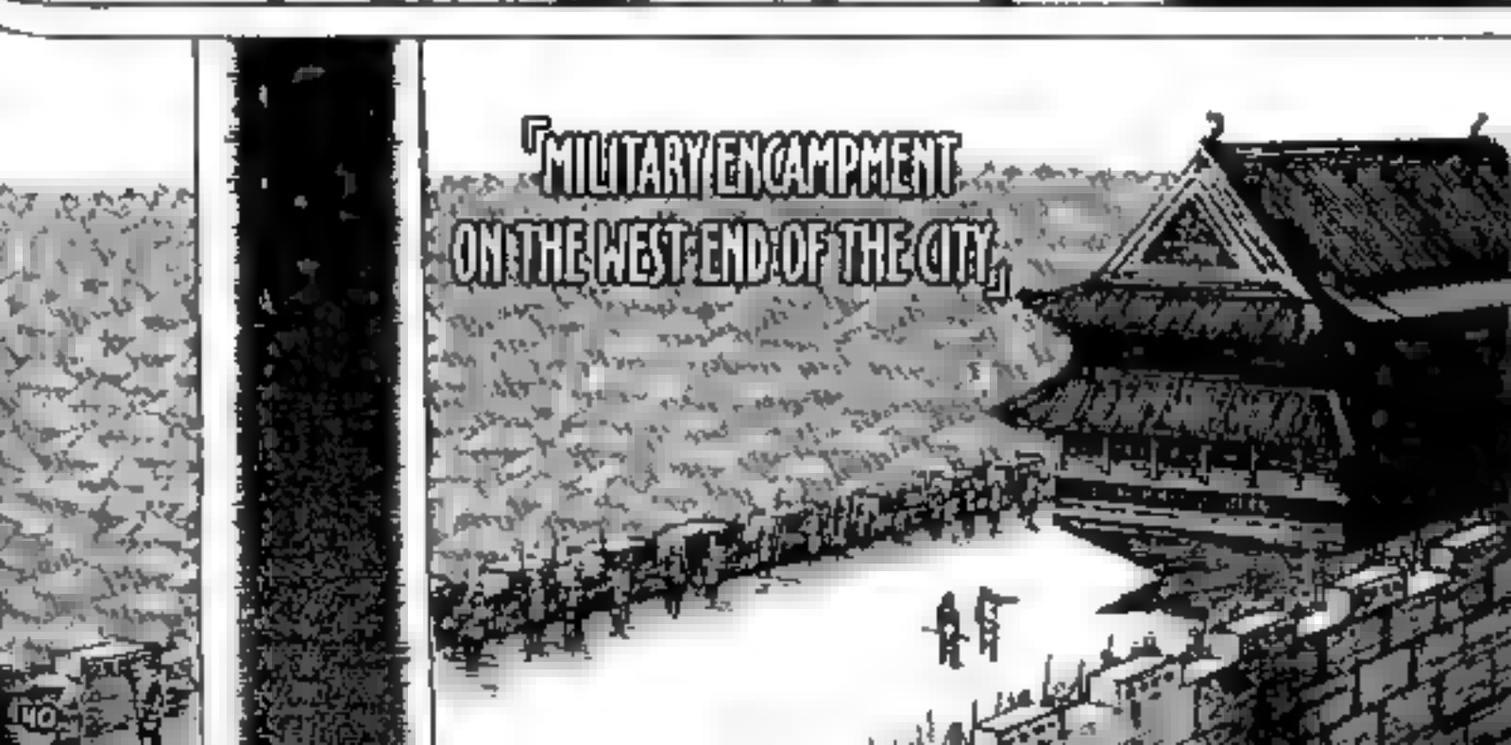
LI BU AND LULI BU ARE HERE THERE IS NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT

WE'RE ALL COMPATRIOTS HERE, I DON'T HAVE TO SEE YOU OFF
TAKE CARE, MY LORD.
YES SIR!

DAMN IT! WE FELL INTO LUU BU'S TRAP!
LUU BU, THAT BASTARD AND HIS TRICKS!
OUR LORD'S REALLY GONE SENILE. NOW HE'S UNDER LUU BU'S CONTROL.
USING THE EXCUSE OF PUTTING DOWN THE WESTERN TERRITORIES HE MOVED THE FOUR RICHEST MERCHANT'S TO CHANGAN. THUS LIMITING OUR FUNDING ABROAD
IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO OUR LORD IF WE'RE GOING TO TAKE REVENGE ON THE KILLER, WE WON'T HAVE ANY FINANCIAL [redacted]
WHAT A PLAN!

A HUNDRED THIRTY-FIVE MEN, ALL FIERCE WARRIORS
THEY ALL HATE LUU BU.
GENERALS, HAVE YOU ARRANGED EVERYTHING?
THESE LAST FEW DAYS LUU BU HAS BEEN RETURNING HOME LATE
EVERY TIME SERIOUSLY DRUNK
GENERALS...
HE BELIEVES HE'S TOO STRONG, SO HE HAS TOTAL DISREGARD FOR ANY DANGER.
FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR LORD,
THIS GUY IS USUALLY CAREFUL ON ALL EXCEPT ONE FRONT

LULU BU MUST DIE ON THE STREETS TONIGHT.

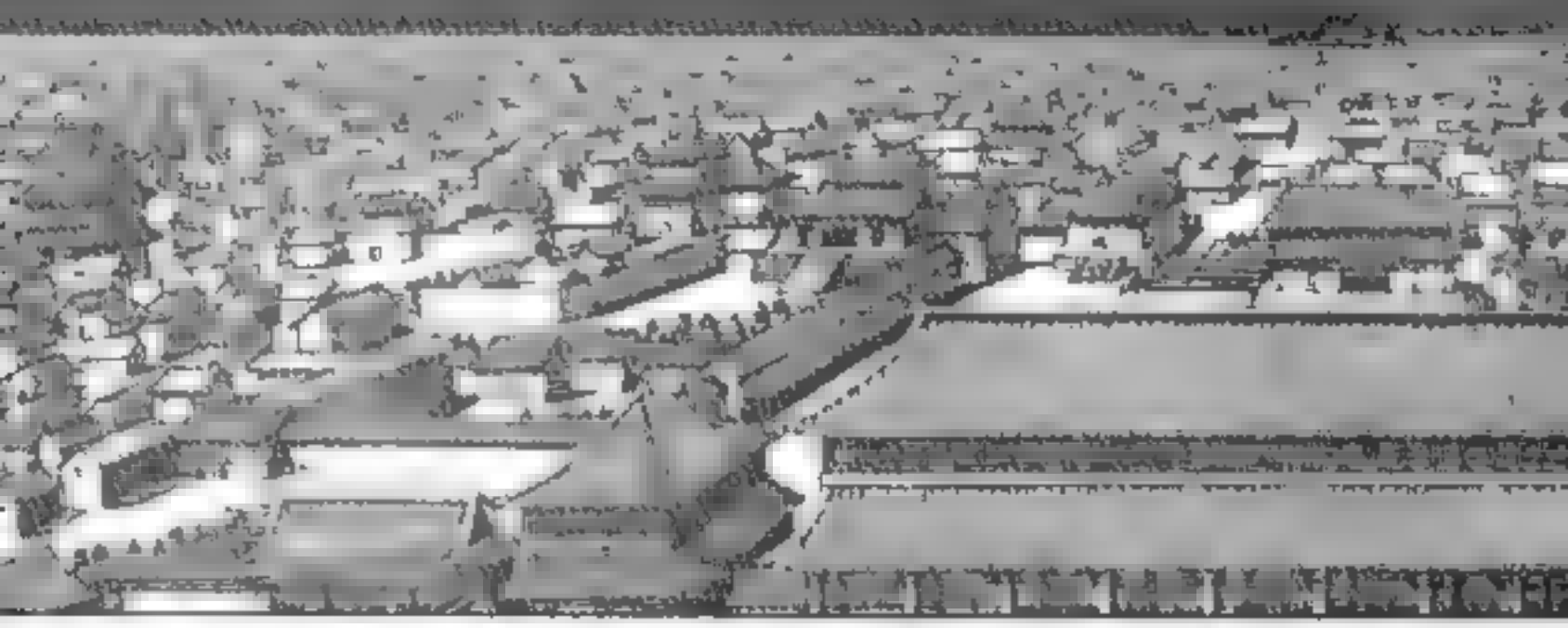

「MILITARY ENCAMPMENT ON THE WEST END OF THE CITY」

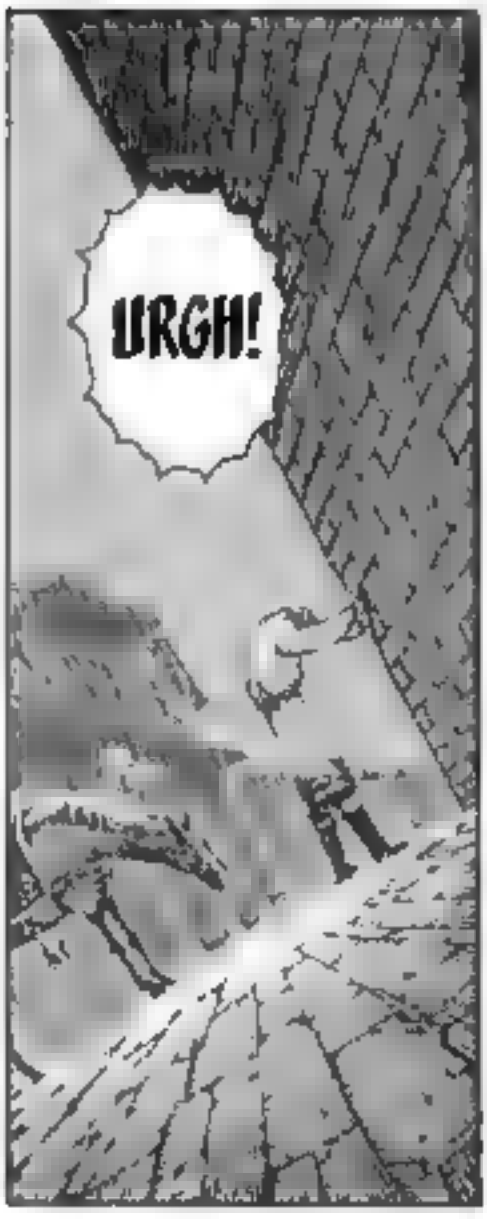
GENERAL WANG, DON'T LOSE!
GENERAL PAN, DO YOU STILL HAVE THE STRENGTH?
IT'S OVER FOR GENERAL PAN!
CAVALRY ARCHER, IT'S YOUR TURN!
GENERAL WANG! PLEASE EXCUSE ME!

FROM NOW ON WE DON'T KNOW IF WE'RE EVER GOING TO MEET THE GENERAL AGAIN!
A PARTING TOAST SIGNIFIES THE STRENGTH OF FRIENDSHIP COME AND DRINK UP!
WE'RE ALL BROTHERS WITH ONE MIND AND SPIRIT ON THE BATTLEFIELD
THERE'S A STRICT SEPARATION OF RANKS, SO IT'S TABOO
WE WOULD NEVER HAVE THOUGHT THAT GENERAL WOULD LOWER HIMSELF TO BE WITH THE OUTGOING MILITARY CAMP
GENERALS, PLEASE
OLD MA IS RIGHT.
TOO BAD ONLY A FEW PEOPLE UNDERSTAND THIS.

COME GENERAL, I TOAST YOU WITH THIS BOWL OF WINE
ALL RIGHT, A BOWL PER MAN
THIS TOAST IS FROM THE WEST CAMP
THIS TOAST IS FROM US IN THE SOUTH CAMP
THIS TOAST IS FROM THE EAST CAMP
GENERAL DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING ON YOUR MIND?
PLEASE TELL US WE'RE WILLING TO PUT OUR LIVES ON THE LINE IF WE CAN HELP THE GENERAL
YES WE'RE TRULY PARTING WAYS

IT'S NOTHING. IT'S JUST A LITTLE MISUNDERSTANDING WITH A CERTAIN GROUP OF PEOPLE.





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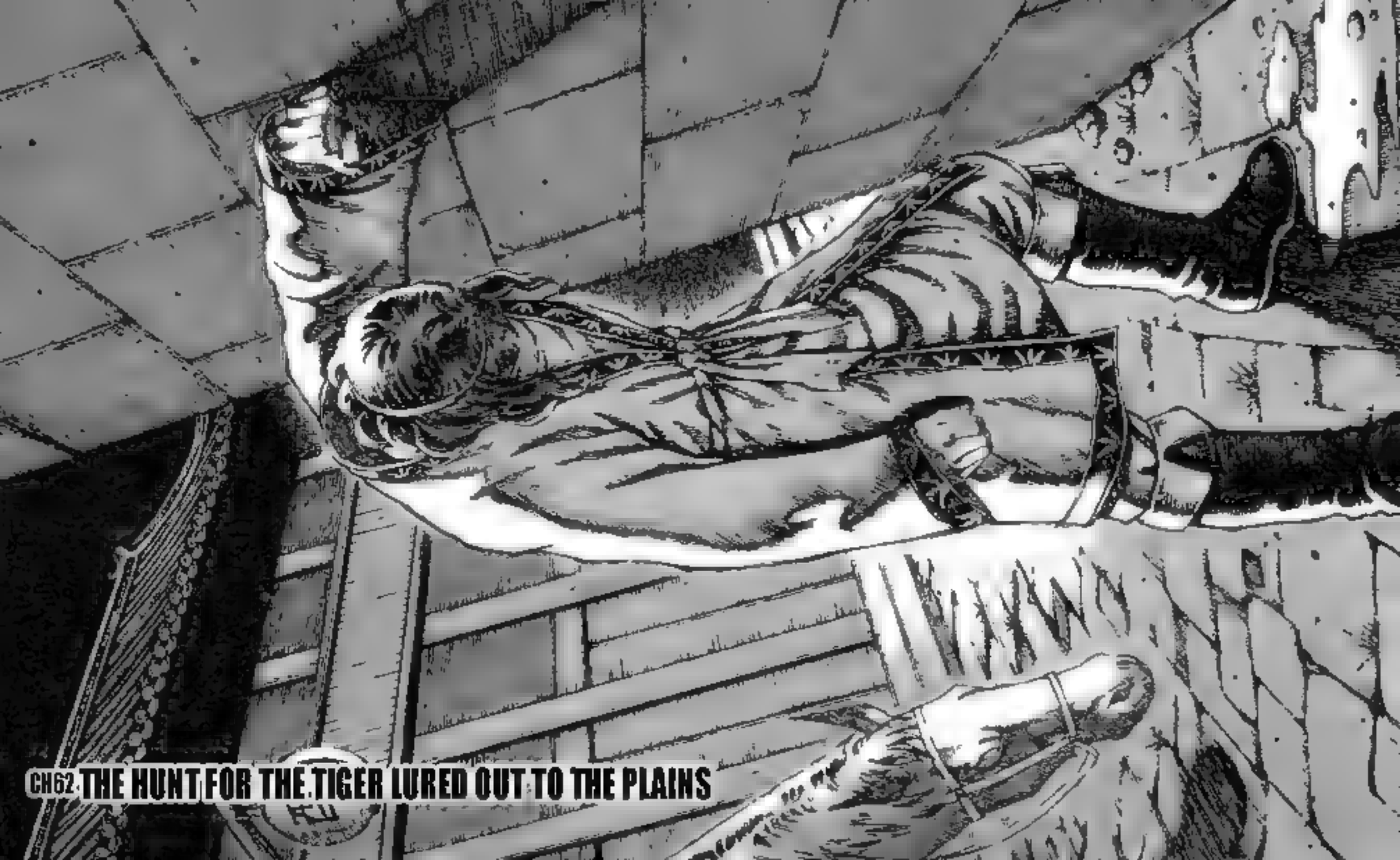
CH62 THE HUNT FOR THE TIGER LURED OUT TO THE PLAINS

HEY DRUNKARD! DID YOU HEAR WHAT I SAID?
CURFEW TONIGHT? BY WHOSE ORDERS? ALSO. BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU SAY
DO YOU KNOW WHO I AM?
THERE'S ALWAYS A WAY HOME FOR EVERYONE.
I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE.. THERE'S A CURFEW TONIGHT, IF YOU DON'T WANT TO GET ARRESTED, YOU'D BETTER GO HOME QUICKLY!
BUT FOR LUU BU...

THERE'S NONE!
DAMN IT!

COME OUT! IT'S LUU BU!
STAB

NO MISTAKE! IT'S LUU BU!
SLAM
WHO ARE YOU?
SOME PEOPLE WHO HAVE A LITTLE MISUNDER-STANDING WITH YOU

TONIGHT'S CURFEW IS SET FOR RIOT CONTROL EXERCISES
NO ONE WILL CARE ABOUT THE COMMOTION NOW BE A GOOD BOY AND DIE!

WHAT A FAMILIAR VOICE, OLD FRIEND, IS THAT YOU?
RIGHT, IT'S TOO BAD THAT YOU DON'T DESERVE TO BE MY FRIEND
GO! KILL HIM!

CLANG
CLANG
CLANG
DIE, LUU BU!
KILL
PA
PA
KILL

SHU
PA
GET DOWN!
YOU'VE COME JUST IN TIME!
PON

CLANG
CLANG
CLANG
PA
PA

URGH!
URGH!
UGH!
PUTRID! SO THAT'S WHAT BLOOD MIXED WITH VOMIT SMELLS LIKE.
IF I HAD KNOWN THAT YOU WERE SO USELESS, I WOULD'VE CAME BY MYSELF
SO IT IS THE FOUR DOGS OF LI RU
PEOPLE SAY YOU'RE INHUMAN. IT LOOKS LIKE THAT NOW
IT'S HARD TO IMAGINE THAT THE FAMOUS WARRIOR GOD WOULD HAVE SUCH A PATHETIC SIDE

A TIGER LURED TO THE PLAINS WILL SUCCUMB TO AN ATTACK BY DOGS THIS PACK OF DOGS ISN'T TO BE TRIFLED WITH
FAT DOG, WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?
EVERYONE'S IN THE SAME BOAT, YOU DOGS DON'T DRESS LIKE HUMANS EITHER

WHO'S THE FAT DOG?
SHU

I'VE CAUGHT HIM! ATTACK!
DAMN IT!
WU
PA

SHU
PA
YOU'RE GOING TO WRESTLE ME? WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?
SHU
GOOD JOB, FAT DOG!

DIE, LUU BU!
PA
PON
CLANG
CLANG
CLANG
GOOD MOVE!

THERE'S NO NEED TO GIVE CHASE!
LUU BU, WE HAVEN'T FOUGHT YET!
HU
TSA

KA
TAKE YOUR TIME, THERE S NOWHERE TO HIDE
THAT'S RIGHT HE COULDN'T EVEN FEND US OFF

LET ALONE THE HUNDRED AHEAD OF HIM.
THEN, LET'S GIVE HIM A GRAND FUNERAL!

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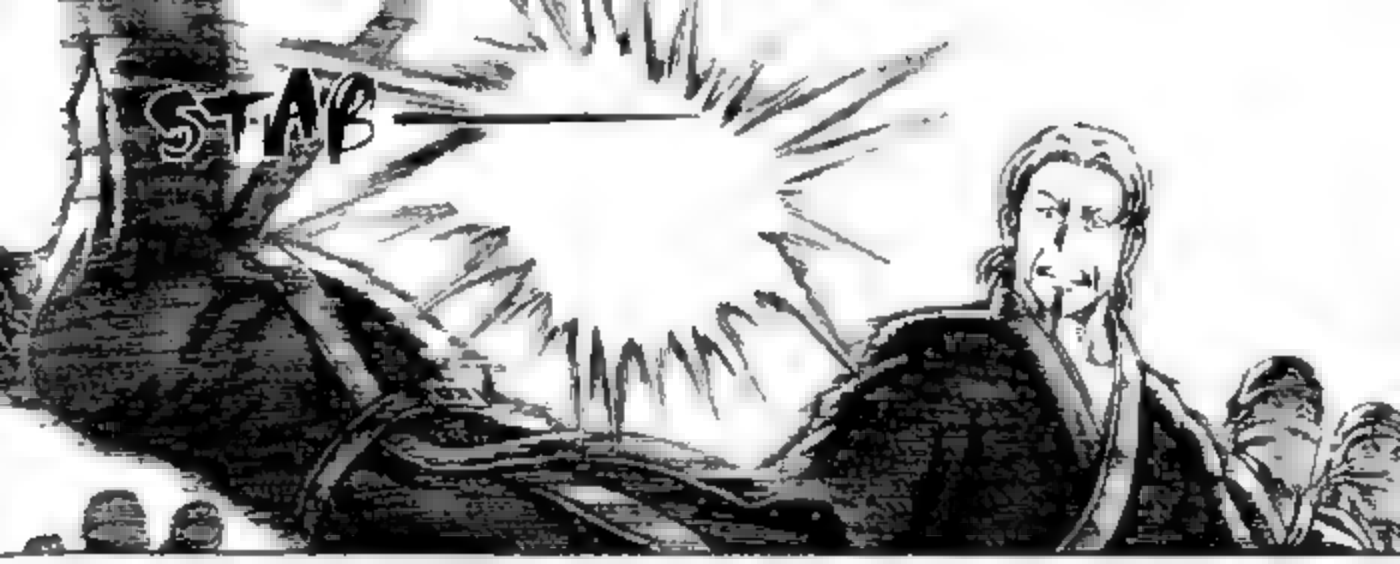
In court affairs no one dares to openly speak of treachery and schemes
Only away from the court does one quietly plot revolution.
DO IT!
WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?
PUT DOWN YOUR WEAPONS.
THERE'S NO ESCAPE; YOU SHOULD JUST ACCEPT DEATH!

Chapter 63 The Lion Roars

CLANG
IS THIS WHAT YOU MEANT BY A SMALL MISUNDER-STANDING ?
IT LOOKS ...LIKE A MURDER CONSPIRACY !

WHAT... WHAT IS GOING ON HERE?
WE SAW YOU LEAVE DRUNK.
YOU..
LI JUE, AREN?T THEY THE TROOPS YOU'RE TAKING TO XILIANG?
WHY ARE THEY REBELLING?
WE WERE AFRAID THAT YOU MIGHT BE MISUNDER-STOOD AGAIN SO, WE FOLLOW-ED YOU. WE NEVER THOUGHT WE'D DISCOVER SOMETHING OF THIS MAGNITUDE!

PEOPLE FROM THE THREE CAMPS, HOW DARE YOU INTERFERE WITH THE AFFAIRS OF YOUR SUPERIORS?
IF YOU KNOW WHAT'S GOOD FOR YOU, YOU'D BETTER RETURN TO YOUR CAMPS AND GET READY TO LEAVE WITH ME TOMORROW FOR XILIANG.
I WOULD LIKE TO ASK GENERAL LI JUE SOMETHING,
WHAT BUSINESS ARE YOU CONDUCTING, AND ISN'T LUU BU YOUR SUPERIOR AS WELL?
IN THE MILITARY THEY SAY, USURPERS FIRST SECRETLY MURDER AND THEN REPORT THEIR VERSION LATER.
NOW THAT WE HAVE WITNESSES, IF GENERAL LI KNOWS WHAT'S GOOD FOR HIM..
LUU BU IS CONSPIRING TO KILL PRIME MINISTER DONG.
IF THERE IS ONE WHO SHOULD DIE, IT'S LUU BU!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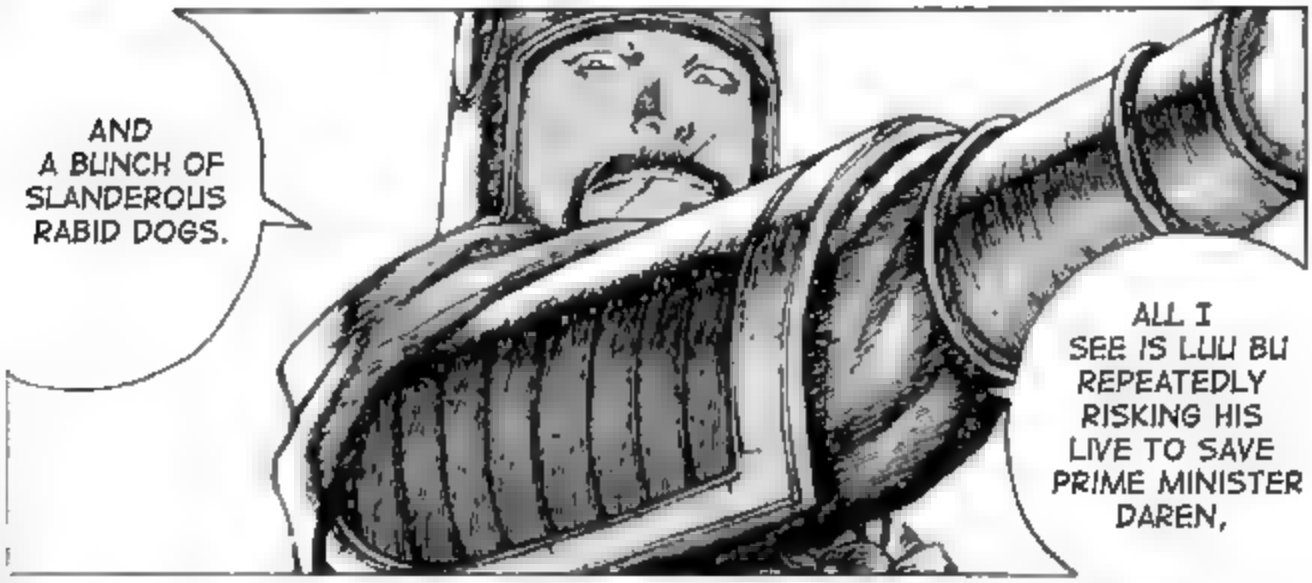
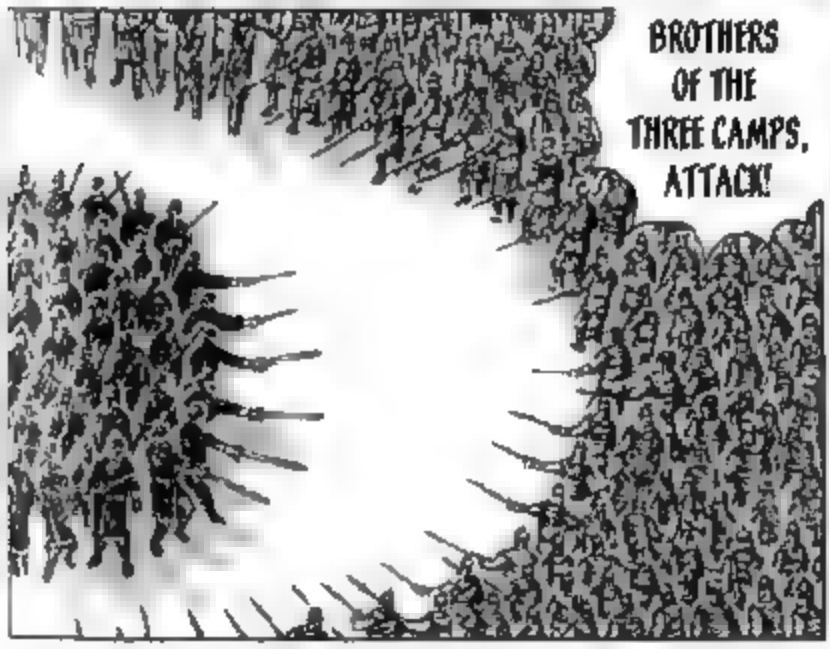
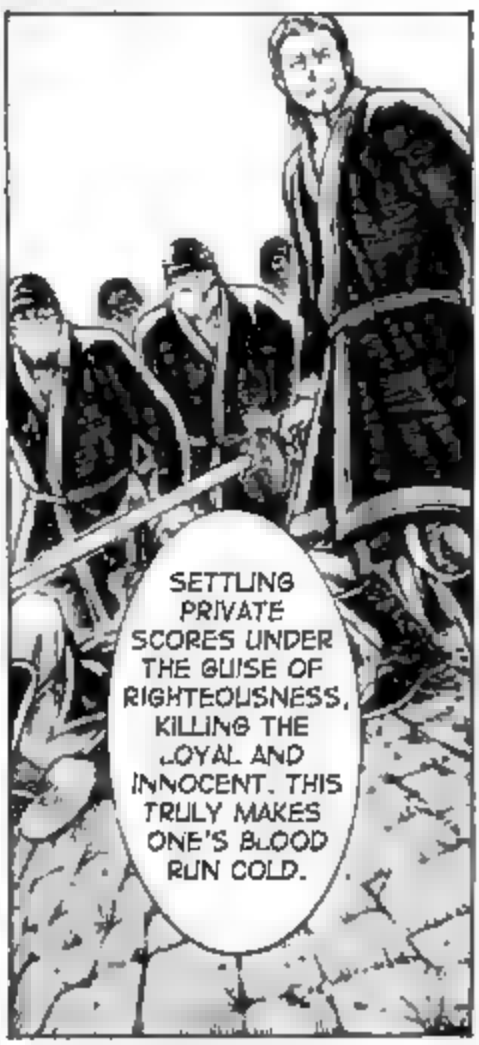

AND A BUNCH OF SLANDEROUS RABID DOGS.
ALL I SEE IS LUU BU REPEATEDLY RISKING HIS LIVE TO SAVE PRIME MINISTER DAREN,

WE WON'T ASSOCIATE WITH THESE MAGGOTS


BROTHERS OF THE THREE CAMPS, ATTACK!


SETTLING PRIVATE SCORES UNDER THE GUISE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, KILLING THE LOYAL AND INNOCENT. THIS TRULY MAKES ONE'S BLOOD RUN COLD.

YOU IGNORANT FOOLS, YOU DARE TO ATTACK NOW THAT YOU HAVE LUU BU ON YOUR SIDE?
LET'S GO! I AM A VETERAN OF HUNDREDS OF BATTLES. WHO'S AFRAID OF WHOM?
Wh. . What?
LET THEM GO.
I SAID LET THEM GO.
LUU BU, YOU...

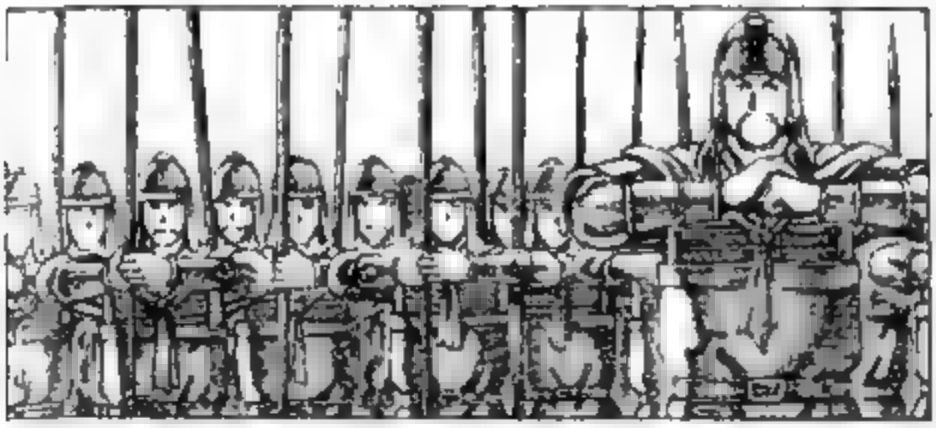
THAT'S RIGHT, HAVING SUFFERED OUR WRATH, YOU DARE TO OPPOSE US AGAIN?
GENERAL LUU, WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS?
RETURNING TO XILIANG IS YOUR ONLY WAY OUT.
DON'T MISS THIS INCREDIBLE OPPORTUNITY TO ESCAPE YOUR CRIMES.
LUU BU, ARE YOU MAD? YOU'RE NOT GOING TO JUST LET US GO.
RETURNING THE TIGER TO ITS LAIR, YOU'RE NOT AFRAID OF US TAKING REVENGE LATER?

REVENGE? DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH.
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONES RETURNING TO XILIANG. THE THREE CAMPS ARE STAYING BEHIND.
It's a trap! His goal was to strip us of our command all along!
WHAT I WANT TO KNOW IS DO YOU VALUE YOUR LIFE?
OR YOUR COMMAND MORE?

WE'LL GIVE YOU OUR ANSWER NOW!
I WASN'T AFRAID OF YOU...

(SFX: GRAB!)
I JUST DIDN'T WISH TO ...
HAVE EVERYONE HURT EACH OTHER!
CRASH

INSTEAD, YOU DON'T CARE ABOUT OUR LORD AND VIE FOR POWER.
DO YOU HAVE NO SHAME? I'M SWALLOWING MY PRIDE IN HOPE THAT YOU WILL CHANGE YOUR WAYS.
MY FOSTER FATHER IS [redacted] IN ASSISTING THE EMPEROR BY ADMINISTERING THE NATION, AND FOR WHAT?
A GENERAL MUST FOLLOW THE IMPERIAL EDICT AND SERVE THE NATION!
THE THREE CAMPS, HEAR THIS: ESCORT THESE FOUR MEN DIRECTLY TO XILIANG.
IS THAT CLEAR?



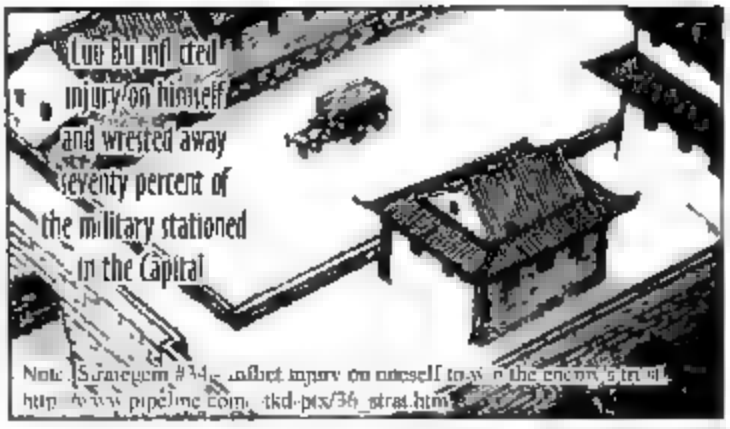
ATTENTION! SALUTE THE LOYAL OFFICIAL!

GENERAL LUU'S FRANK SPEECH DEEPLY MOVED US.

YOU... WHAT'S ...

GENERAL LUU... NO, MASTER, PLEASE ACCEPT US.
GENERAL LUU, THE THREE CAMPS ARE WILLING TO SERVE UNDER YOUR COMMAND.

The source of the pain will soon disappear.


Lu Bu inflicted injury on himself and wrested away seventy percent of the military stationed in the Capital
Note: Stratagem #34 - inflict injury on oneself to win the enemy's trust
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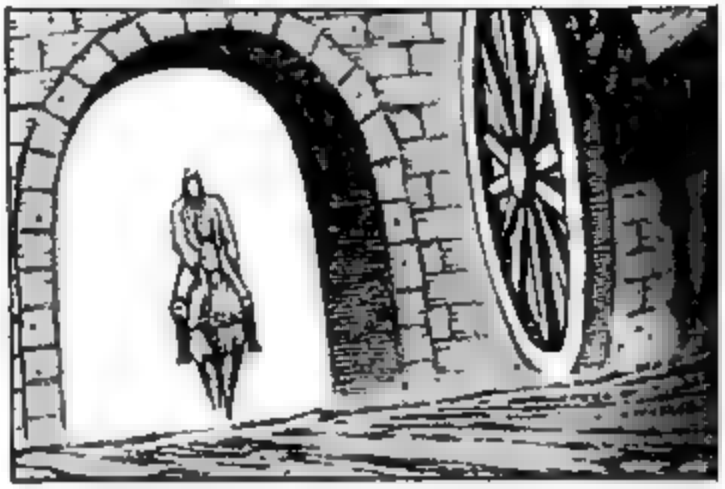
TAKING THIS BLADE WAS WELL WORTH IT.

LI JUE AND THE OTHERS HAVE BECOME GENERALS WITHOUT AN ARMY. NOW IT'LL BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR THEM TO RETURN TO THE CAPITAL FOR REVENGE.

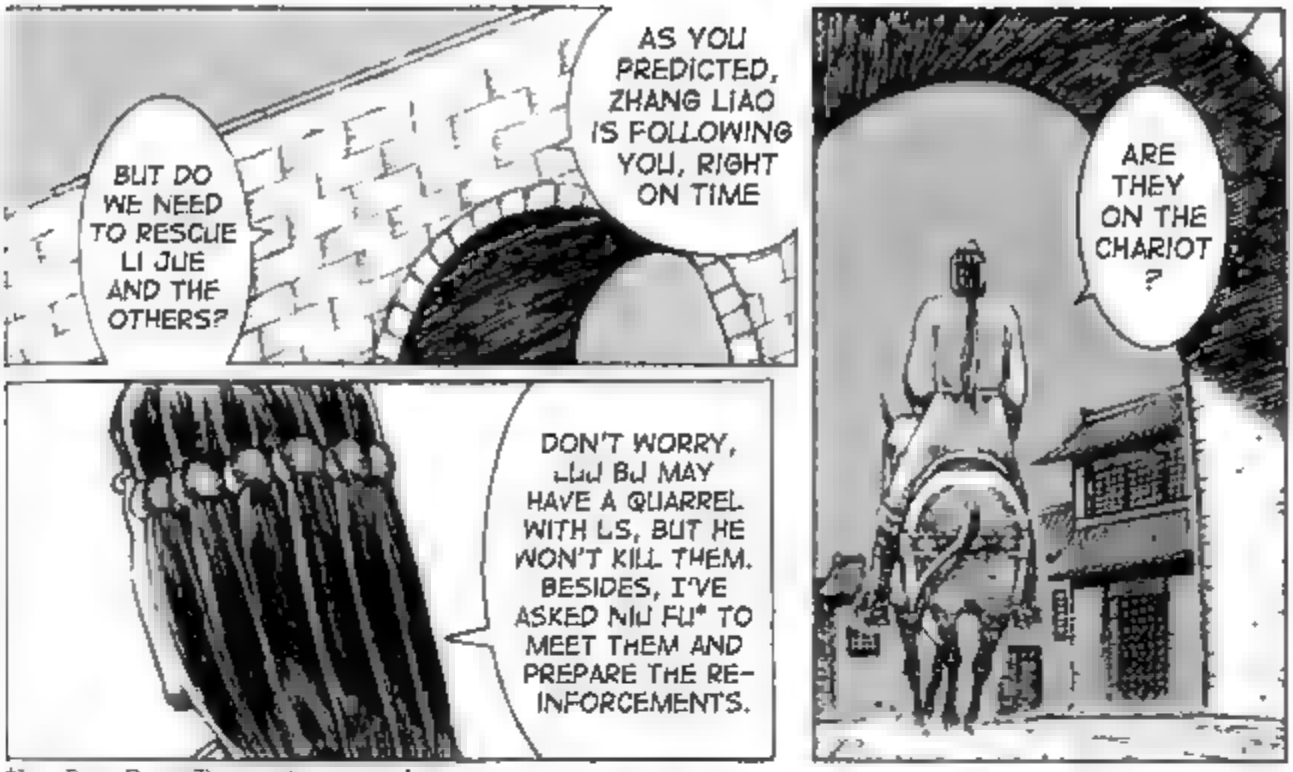
BUT THIS HEADACHE HASN'T SUBSIDED YET
RIGHT, THERE'S ONE MORE LEFT.



THE FOUR LITTLE DOGS ARE GONE WITH THEIR TAILS BETWEEN THEIR LEGS.

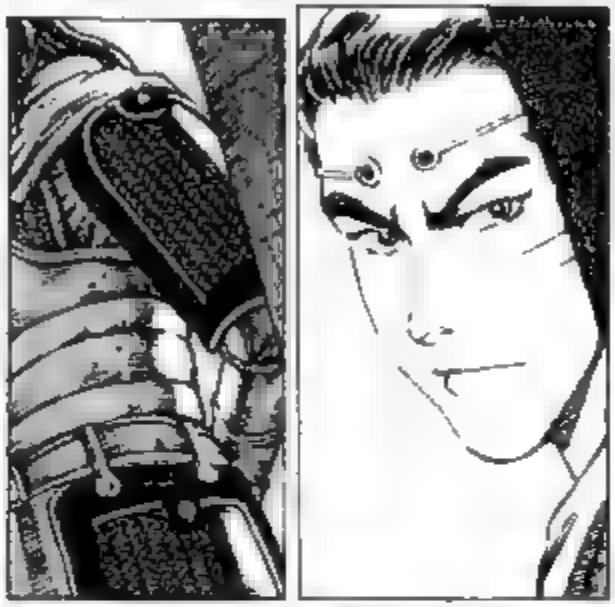
DISASTER NOW AWAITS THE BIG DOG.

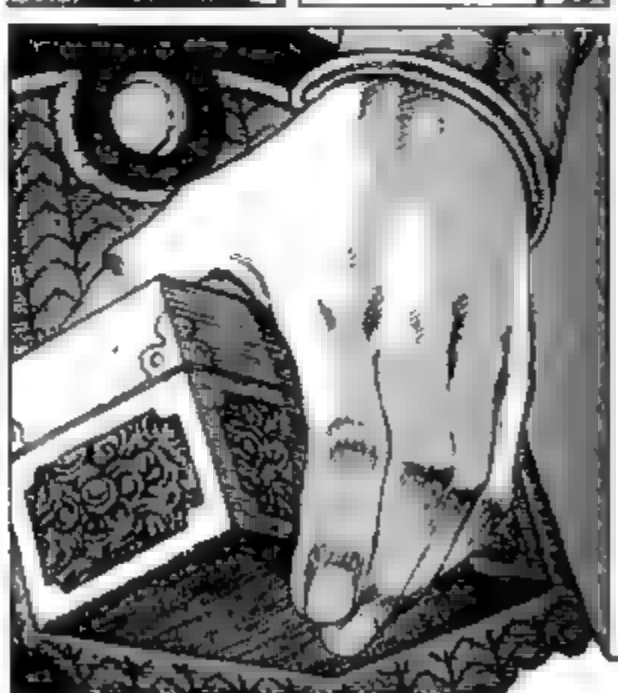
SLAM
THEN,
I SHOULD BE CON-GRATULAT-ING YOU!
NOW THAT THE GUARD DOGS ARE GONE, THIS GUY IS POWERLESS.
YES SIR.
SEND HIM A PARTING GIFT, SHOW HIM THERE ARE NO HARD FEELINGS


AS YOU PREDICTED, ZHANG LIAO IS FOLLOWING YOU, RIGHT ON TIME
BUT DO WE NEED TO RESCUE LI JUE AND THE OTHERS?
ARE THEY ON THE CHARIOT ?
DON'T WORRY, LÜ BU MAY HAVE A QUARREL WITH US, BUT HE WON'T KILL THEM. BESIDES, I'VE ASKED NIU FU* TO MEET THEM AND PREPARE THE RE-INFORCEMENTS.

*Niu Fu is Dong Zhou's other son-in-law

WE'VE BEEN
WAITING FOR
YOU!





ZHANG
LIAO!

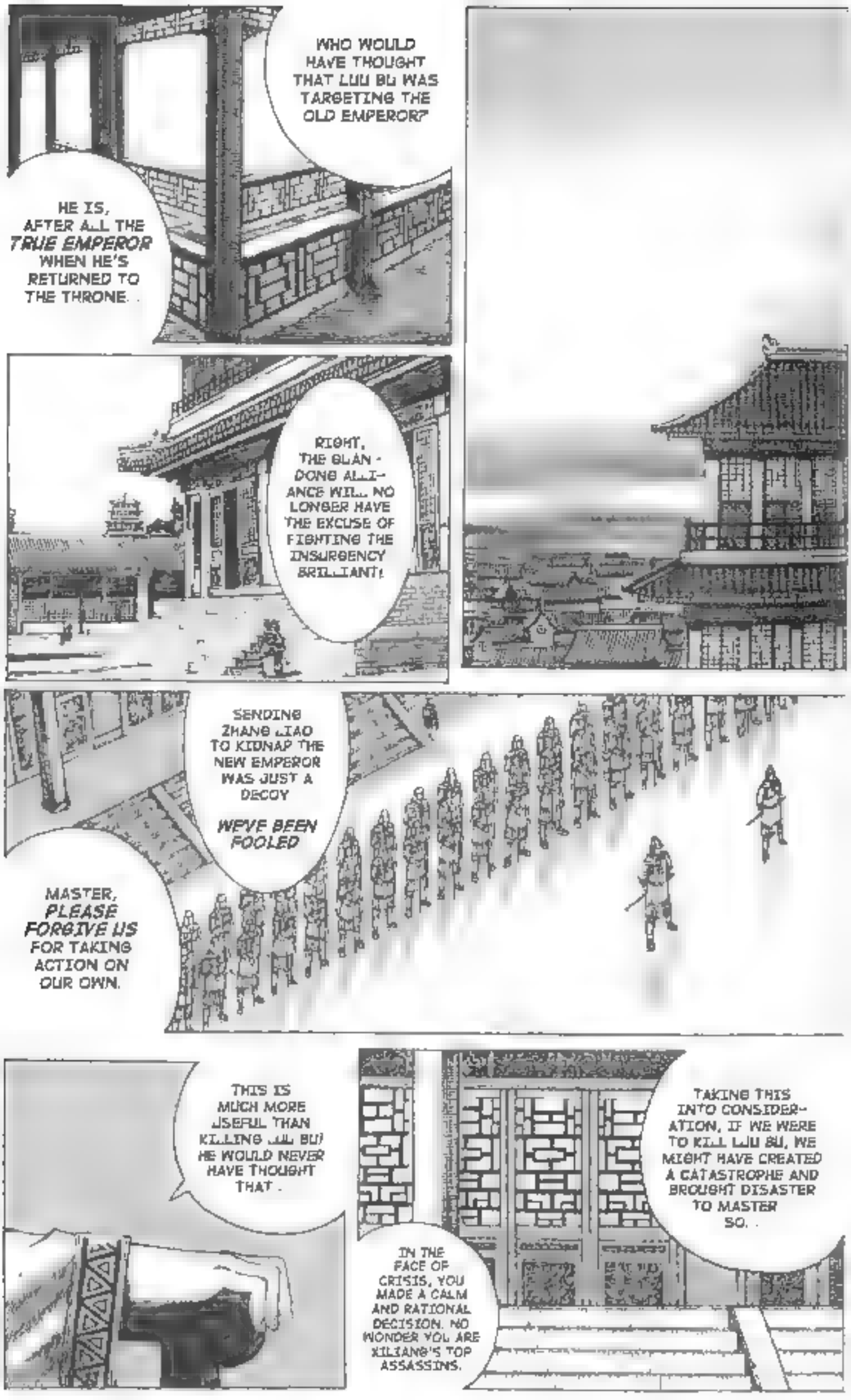
Saa
The guard dogs are gone, but?
The strongest lion is kept behind to hunt for the prey

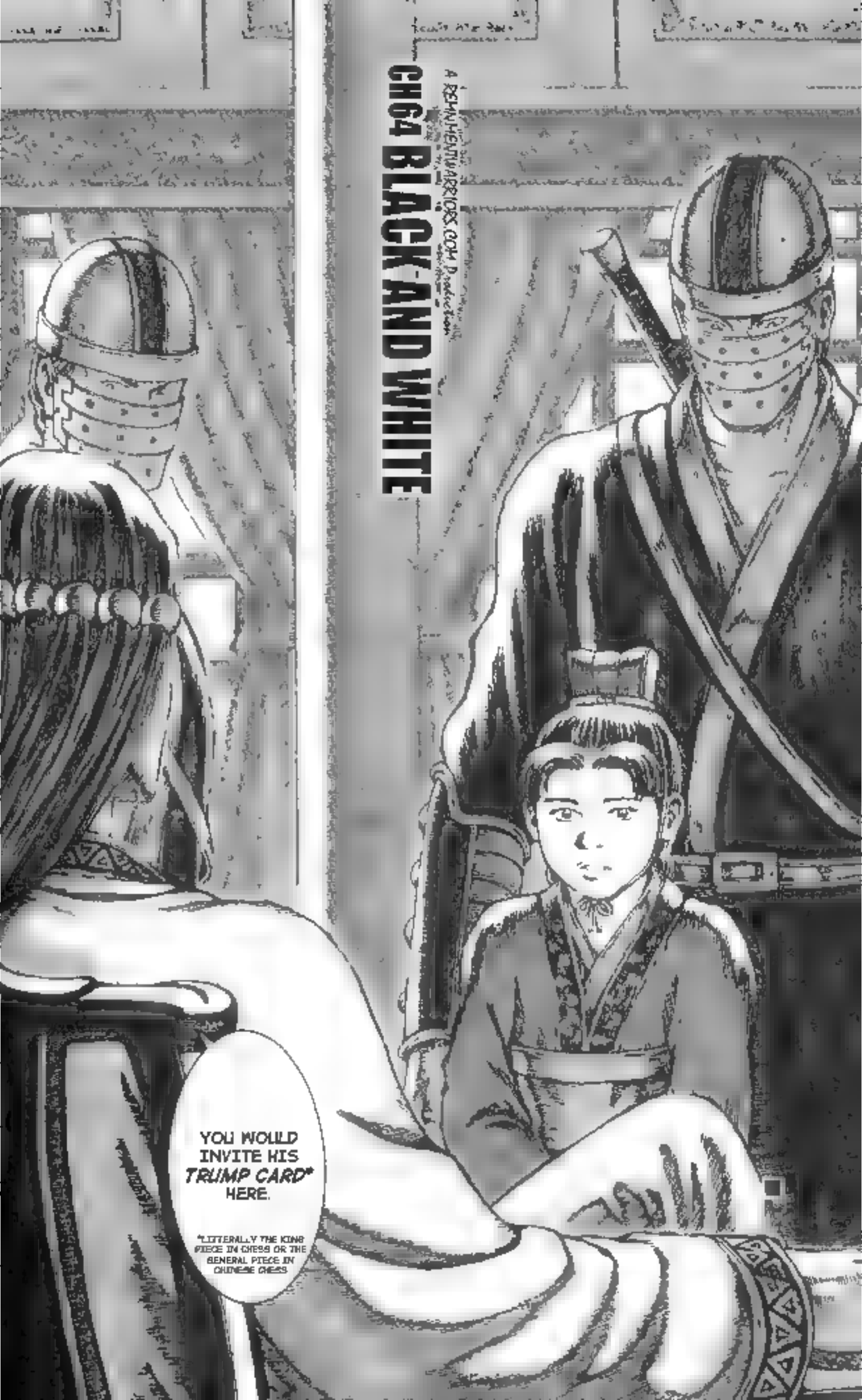
EVERY-
THING IS
GOING AS
PLANNED,
WE WILL
MOVE
SOON.

IN ORDER TO NOT RAISE SUSPICION, DON'T RUN OFF ON YOUR OWN
Wait.
PERHAPS YOU'RE RIGHT
DON'T WORRY; NOBODY CARES ABOUT ME NOW.
IN CASE THERE IS ENSUING CHAOS, YOU WILL STAY IN MY RESIDENCE TONIGHT.
THE REASON I HID YOU SO LONG WAS FOR THIS DAY.
AFTER THIS IS OVER, THE NATION WILL BE YOURS
Handicapped Warriors?

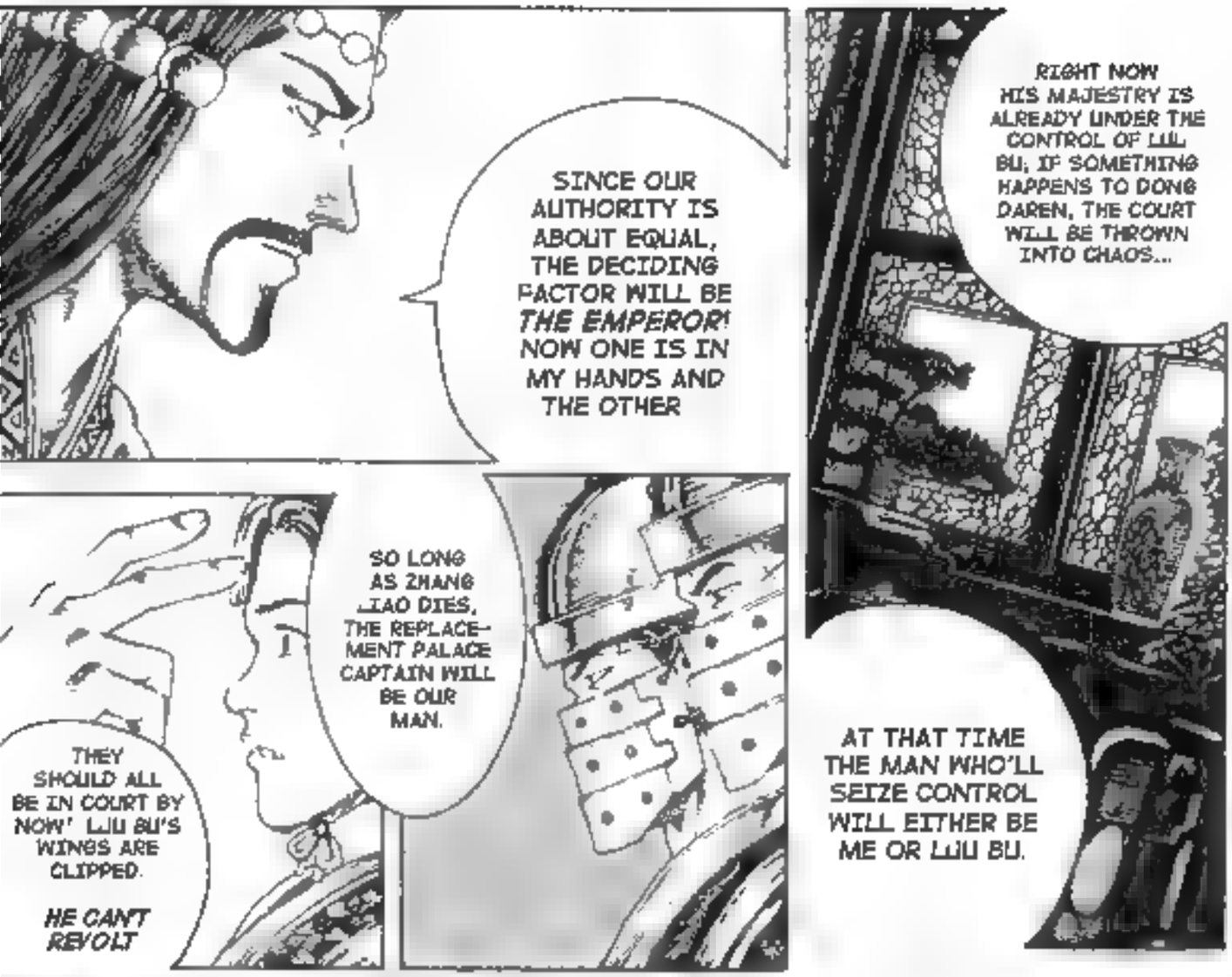
I DON'T LIKE BEING THE EMPEROR; TOO MUCH WORK AND NO REWARD. ONE CAN SPEND THEIR ENTIRE LIFE AND NOT ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING.
THEN YOU'LL BE LABELED A TYRANT, AND WHAT GOOD IS THAT?
No, who is it?
YOU CAN COMMAND THE WORLD BY BEING THE EMPEROR
COMPARED TO COMMANDING THE WORLD, ISN'T ENJOYING THE WORLD'S EXOTIC FOODS EVEN BETTER?
BESIDES, IF YOU'RE ADMINISTERING EVERYTHING FOR ME, WHAT IS THERE TO BE AFRAID OF? YOU SHOULD LET ME ENJOY THE WORLD!
WHAT FOOLISH TALK, THOSE WERE THE SAME LIES THE TEN EUNUCHS UTTERED.
BUT.. I LIKE YOUR PERSONALITY, UNLIKE THAT BELLIGERENT BROTHER OF YOURS.

ONCE EVERYTHING IS OVER, WHAT SHOULD I DO ABOUT YOUR YOUNGER BROTHER?
WHATEVER YOU WISH.


WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THAT LUU BU WAS TARGETING THE OLD EMPEROR?
HE IS, AFTER ALL THE *TRUE EMPEROR* WHEN HE'S RETURNED TO THE THRONE.
RIGHT, THE GUAN-DONG ALLIANCE WILL NO LONGER HAVE THE EXCUSE OF FIGHTING THE INSURGENCY BRILLIANT!
SENDING ZHANG JIAO TO KIDNAP THE NEW EMPEROR WAS JUST A DECOY
WE'VE BEEN FOOLED
MASTER, *PLEASE FORGIVE US* FOR TAKING ACTION ON OUR OWN.
THIS IS MUCH MORE USEFUL THAN KILLING LIU BU! HE WOULD NEVER HAVE THOUGHT THAT.
IN THE FACE OF CRISIS, YOU MADE A CALM AND RATIONAL DECISION. NO WONDER YOU ARE XILIANG'S TOP ASSASSINS.
TAKING THIS INTO CONSIDERATION, IF WE WERE TO KILL LIU BU, WE MIGHT HAVE CREATED A CATASTROPHE AND BROUGHT DISASTER TO MASTER SO.


A REINCARNATED ARROW.COM Production
CH64 BLACK-AND WHITE
YOU WOULD INVITE HIS *TRUMP CARD* HERE.
*LITTERALLY THE KING PIECE IN CHESS OR THE GENERAL PIECE IN CHINESE CHESS

HOW SHOULD I PUT IT?
YOU CAN SAY, I'M A *GOOD FRIEND* OF LUU BU!
WHO ARE YOU? WHERE IS LUU BU?
YOUR LITTLE MAJESTY, DID LUU BU SAY ANYTHING ELSE TO YOU?
WHAT ELSE IS THERE BESIDES ENJOYING A LIFE OF LUXURY?
HIS LITTLE MAJESTY IS VERY NAIVE AND EASIER TO CONTROL ONCE HE TAKES THE THRONE. HE WILL RULE OVER EVERY-ONE SAVE ONE
AND EVEN WITH-OUT INTER-FERENCE FROM THE GUAN-DONG ALLI-ANCE!
BUT, HE *DID* SAY THAT SOON I WOULD TAKE OVER FOR MY YOUNGER BROTHER


SINCE OUR AUTHORITY IS ABOUT EQUAL, THE DECIDING FACTOR WILL BE *THE EMPEROR!* NOW ONE IS IN MY HANDS AND THE OTHER
RIGHT NOW HIS MAJESTRY IS ALREADY UNDER THE CONTROL OF LIU BU; IF SOMETHING HAPPENS TO DONG DAREN, THE COURT WILL BE THROWN INTO CHAOS...
SO LONG AS ZHANG JIAO DIES, THE REPLACE-MENT PALACE CAPTAIN WILL BE OUR MAN.
AT THAT TIME THE MAN WHO'LL SEIZE CONTROL WILL EITHER BE ME OR LIU BU.
THEY SHOULD ALL BE IN COURT BY NOW! LIU BU'S WINGS ARE CLIPPED.
HE CAN'T REVOLT

THEY SAY
KIDNAP THE HEIR APPARENT TO CONTROL THE LORDS;
TODAY I WILL BE PROTECTING THE HEIR APPAR-ENT TO CONTROL THE VILLAINOUS SUBJECT, VERY INTERESTING.

EXCELLENT! THINGS ARE HAPPENING AS PREDICTED, LOOKS LIKE ZHANG LIAO IS DEAD.
NOW I HAVE BOTH EMPERORS.
REPORTING! LUL BL IS HERE WITH TROOPS!
HE'S ONLY [redacted] LITTLE MAJESTY, HE'S AFRAID TO MAKE IT PUBLIC WHAT IS THERE TO BE AFRAID OF?
NOW, HOW SHOULD I DEAL WITH THEM?
YOU'RE NO MATCH FOR ME!
LUU BU'S SCHEME WILL BE EXPOSED AND HE'LL LOSE EVERYTHING
BESIDES, HAVE POSTED HEAVY TROOPS OUTSIDE IF A BATTLE BREAKS OUT, IT WILL ALARM OUR LORD

PA
HE'S A CHILD AFTER ALL, HE'S BEEN FRIGHT-ENED..
QUICK, PICK HIM UP
WAKE HIM AND SHOW HIM HOW I SHALL CHANGE THE FORTUNE

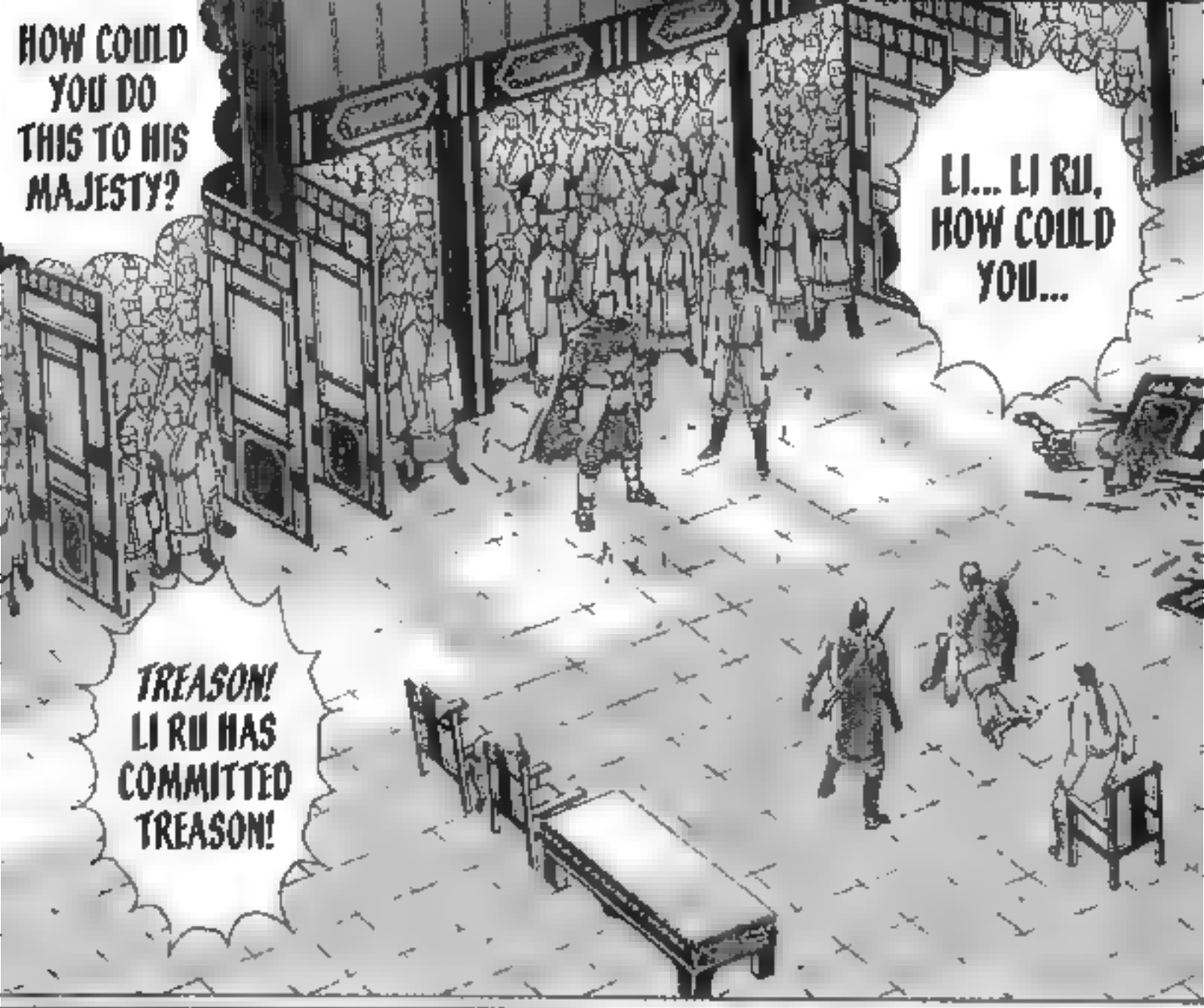
NO... SOMETHING'S WRONG... HE'S... HE'S DEAD!
TH... THIS IS...

HE... WHATEVER HE JUST ATE, IT WAS POI-SONED!
POISON!
LUU BU FED HIM THE POISON!

PLEASE STOP! LI DAREN JUST WENT TO SLEEP!
WITHOUT MASTER'S PERMISSION NO ONE IS ALLOWED TO ENTER!
BUT... BUT...
EVEN I NEED PERMISSION?
PON!
HE'S HERE!

THE AREA IS HEAVILY GUARDED. HOW COULD HE GET THROUGH SO EASILY?
LUU BU!
UNLESS

WE WE CAME TOO LATE!
THE FACE IS ALREDY PURPLISH BLUE, THIS IS DEFI NAELY DEATH CAUSED BY POISON
DONG ZHUO!


HOW COULD YOU DO THIS TO HIS MAJESTY?
LI... LI RU, HOW COULD YOU...
TREASON! LI RU HAS COMMITTED TREASON!

LI RU, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
DAREN, LI DAREN DID NOT KILL HIS MAJESTY!
YOU DIDN'T DO IT?

BUT THE CONFLICT HASN'T BEEN QUELLED. SO THE ENEMY WILL THINK YOU'RE DOING THIS FOR ONLY ONE REASON!
YOU'VE MADE FOSTER FATHER A TRAITOR, AN ENEMY OF THE IGNORANT MASSES!
DON'T TELL ME, EVEN IF HE DIED NATU-RALLY,
THEN THE CURRENT [redacted] WILL BE THE TRUE [redacted]
THE MEN YOU SENT TO KIDNAP THE EMPEROR HAVE BEEN ARRESTED!
KILLING THE OLD EMPEROR, KIDNAPPING THE NEW EMPEROR, YOU'VE GOT SOME AMBITION!
LI RU, YOU'RE OUR LORD'S SON-IN-LAW, HOW COULD YOU DO SUCH A THING!

MY MEN ENTERING THE PALACE TO KIDNAP THE EMPEROR?! MY PERSONAL GUARDS HAVE BECOME THE REBEL TROOPS?
WHAT IS YOUR NEXT STEP? DON'T TELL ME IT'S GETTING RID OF ME?
THERE MORE THERE
EVERYTHING REVERSED MADE ASSUMED
CRIMES?

USURP OUR LORD? HOW CAN YOU MAKE SUCH ACCUSA-TIONS!
BE A MAN AND FACE ME!
HOW DARE YOU DO SUCH A THING TO USURP OUR LORD?
TO GAIN LEGITIMACY, YOU GOT RID OF ANYONE WHO WAS A THREAT TO YOU.
PA

THIS
THIS IS
DONG-HUANG'S
HEADDRESS?!
IT WAS DISCOVERED ON YOUR MEN.
IF IT WEREN'T FOR ZHANG JIAO'S SKILLS AND HIS VOW TO PROTECT THE EMPEROR OR DIE TRYING, MAYBE YOU WOULD HAVE SUCCEEDED.
TO KIDNAP THE EMPEROR, YOU HAD TO ELIMINATE THE PALACE CAPTAIN ASSIGNED TO PROTECT HIM

LI SU
NOT ONLY THAT, THEY FOUND THE WHERE-ABOUTS OF HUANG-ER
THE EVIDENCE IS CLEAR.
I, LI SU, CAN ATTEST TO THAT!
HIS BODY WAS FOUND IN THE SEALED WELL BEHIND YOUR NEW

YOU KILLED DONG HUANG.
AS LONG AS HE'S DEAD, THE ONLY ONE NEXT IN LINE FOR SUC- CESSION *IS YOU*!

RIGHT, AS LONG AS YOU PUSH THE BLAME ON LIU BU, YOU WILL BE THE LEGITIMATE HEIR.
WAIT, WHEN I MOVED IN, THE WELL WAS ALREADY SEALED...
NOW I UNDERSTAND; LIU BU, YOU KEPT RECOMMENDING THAT HOUSE TO ME. IT WAS BECAUSE...
ANOTHER THING, WHEN THE LEADER OF THE HANDICAPPED WARRIORS WAS CAPTURED, SOMEONE SAW YOU VISIT THE JAIL CELL.
THEN THE ASSASSIN NAMED ZHAO HUO LATER DISAPPEARED!

PERFECT A PERFECT PLOY.
I HAVE NO CHANCE AT ALL TO REFUTE THE ALLEGATIONS!
ONCE I WAS KILLED, THE BLAME COULD BE PLACED ON THE HANDICAPPED WARRIORS, GIVING YOU AN ALIBI
YOU MASTER-MINDED MY ASSASSINATION BY THE HANDI-CAPPED WAR-RIORS IN THE CAPITAL.
PON
BLACK HAS BECOME WHITE AND WHITE HAS BECOME BLACK.

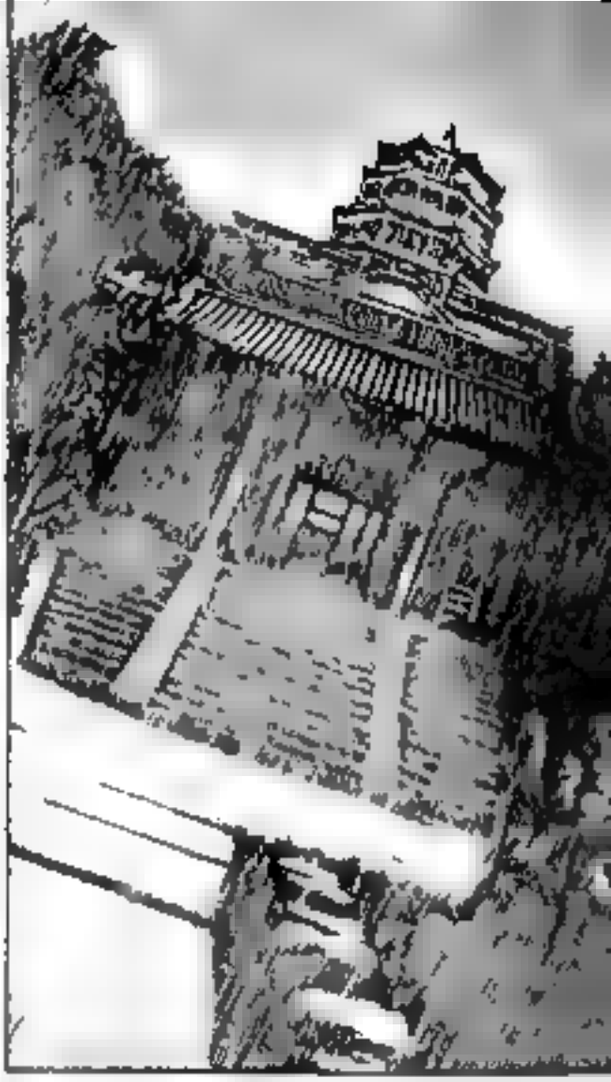
HE WAS ALSO BEHIND XU LIN'S DEATH!
IF YOU WERE THE MASTERMIND BEHIND THE HANDICAPPED WARRIORS, THEN.
THEREFORE HIS PAGAN PREDICTIONS LED TO XU LIN'S DEATH. HE USED THAT TO GAIN MY LORD'S TRUST
WHAT AN ELABORATE AND MANIPULATIVE PLOY. IT SEEMS LIKE THIS WILL LEAD ME TO MY DEATH
DO IT DEAR. YOUR DEATH BLOW
IT WAS A RUSE ALL ALONG, HOW SHAMEFUL!
YOU'RE A DESPICABLE MAN, WE THOUGHT YOU WERE AN ORACLE. IT WAS YOUR SCHEME ALL ALONG!

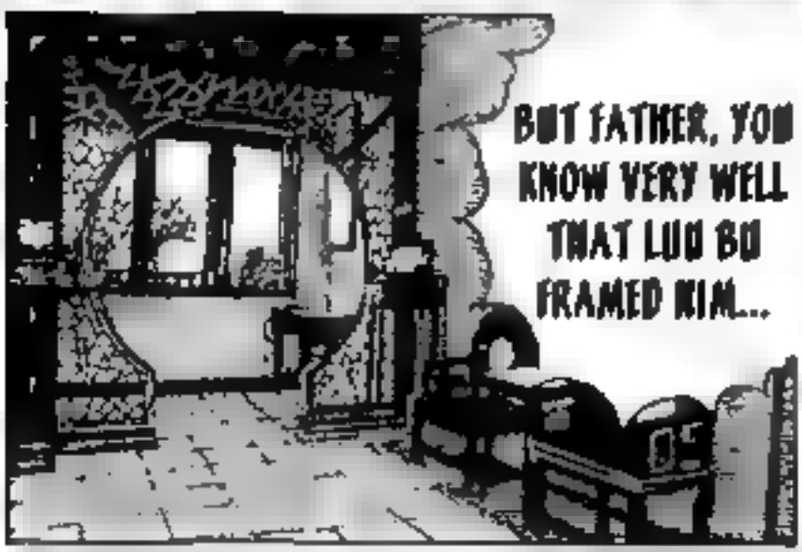
EVEN IF
HE IS STILL THE ONLY EMPEROR
AND LIU-SU REMAINS TO RULE OVER EVERYONE SAVE ONE
THIS IS THE MOST SEAMLESS
BECAUSE HE ST... HAS CONTROL OVER THE EMPEROR
THE LEGITIMATE EMPEROR HAS BEEN ASSASSINATED BEFORE ME IS THE IMPERIAL FAMILY'S
LAST TRUE HEIR.

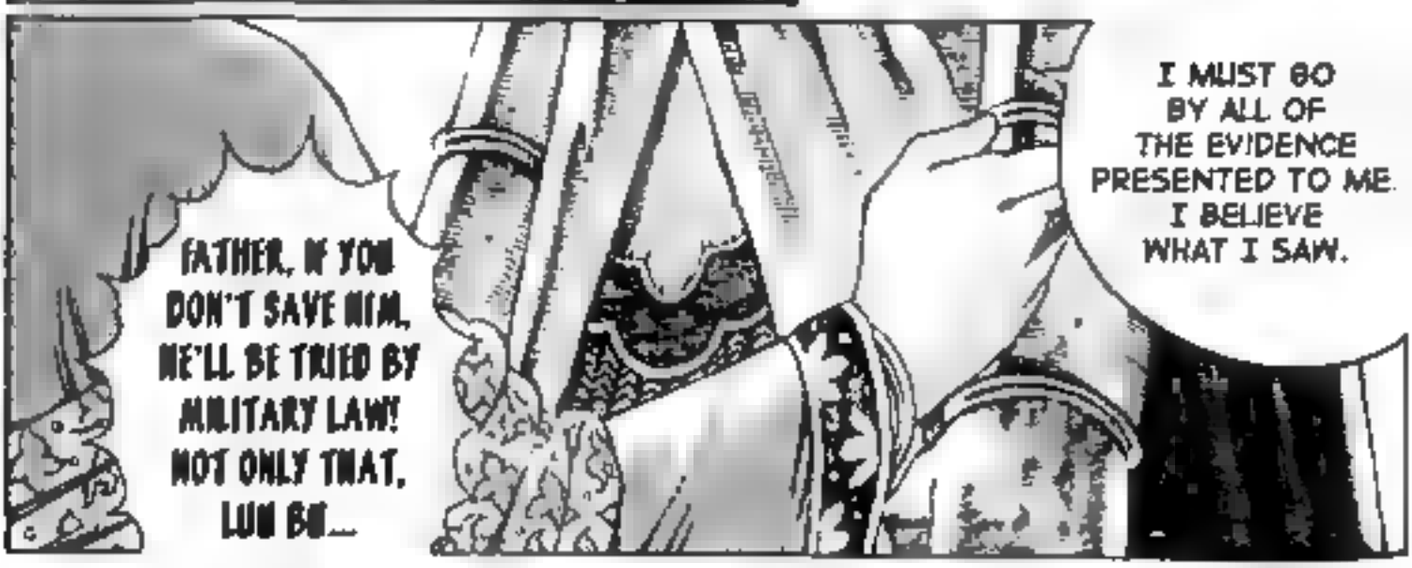
I ..
DONT WANT TO SEE THIS MAN
FENG XIAN*
*NOTE: LIU BEI'S 2E NAME
FATHER-IN-LAW DAREN.
TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF

FATHER-
IN-LAW
DAREN!
TAKE
CARE!

YOUR HUSBAND COMMITTED A CRIME, THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO .




BUT FATHER, YOU KNOW VERY WELL THAT LUU BU FRAMED HIM...


FATHER, IF YOU DON'T SAVE HIM, HE'LL BE TRIED BY MILITARY LAW! NOT ONLY THAT, LUU BU...
I MUST GO BY ALL OF THE EVIDENCE PRESENTED TO ME. I BELIEVE WHAT I SAW.

MY DAUGHTER! YOU AND YOUR HUSBAND ARE THE SAME, YOUR HEARTS ARE SO...

LUU BU . FOR THE SAKE OF NOT MAKING YOU A WIDOW, HE PLEADED FOR YOUR HUSBAND'S LIFE, OTHERWISE HE WOULD'VE BEEN LONG DEAD

CHAPTER 65 ABDICATION

LEAVE ME, I WISH TO BE ALONE FOR A WHILE.
TAKE CARE, MY LORD

SO QUICKLY...

HOW... DID IT HAPPEN SO QUICKLY...

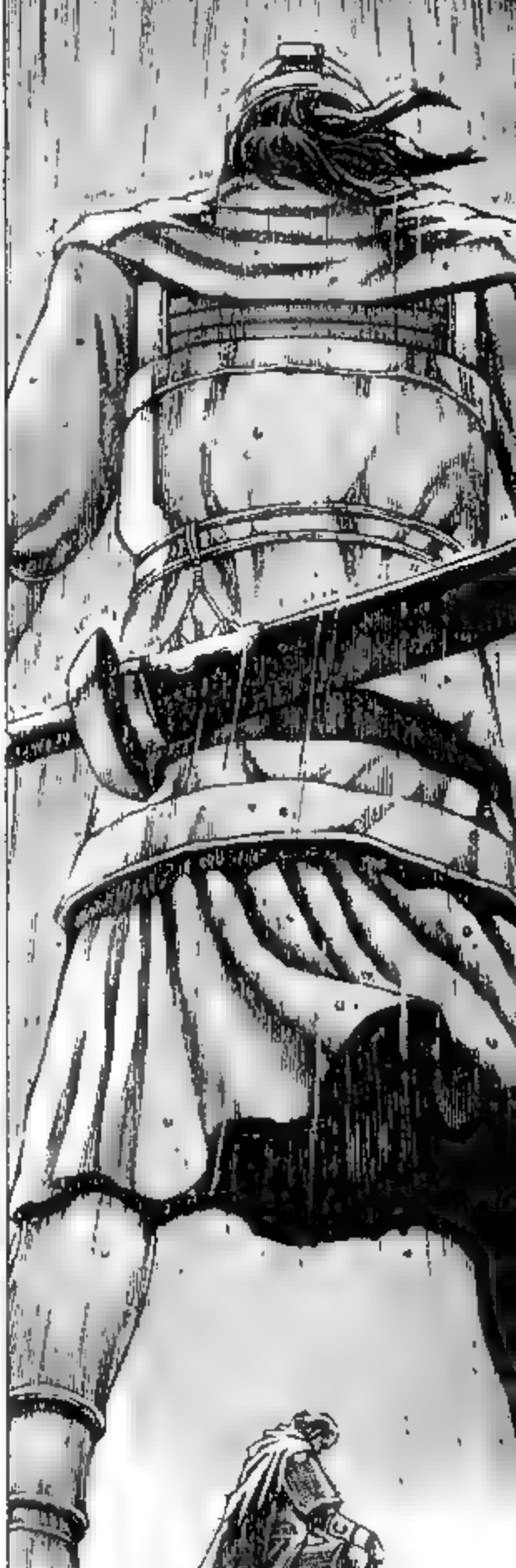
MY LORD, ABOUT HIS MAJESTY'S AND DONG GONGZI'S FUNERALS.

MY LORD...
LI RU IS NOT DEAD YET THE HANDICAPPED WARRIORS ARE STILL IN THE CAPITAL FOR THE SAKE OF OUR LORD WE MUST BE EXTRA CAREFUL
IS THE PERIMETER CLEAR?
WE JUST PATROL TO THE AREA, NO PROBLEM
I HEARD THAT NIU FU DAREN HAS TAKEN THEM IN NIU DAREN BELIEVES THAT IT'S A MISUNDERSTANDING, HE PLANS ON TAKING CARE OF THINGS
LI JUE AND OTHERS ESCAPED WHEN THEY FOUND OUT THAT LI RU'S PLOT FAILED. DO YOU HAVE NEWS ON THEM?
AH! THERE'S MORE
THESE ARE YOUR ORDERS BE CAREFUL AND DO NOT BELIEVE ANY OF THE LIES FROM NIU FU'S SIDE
YES SIR!

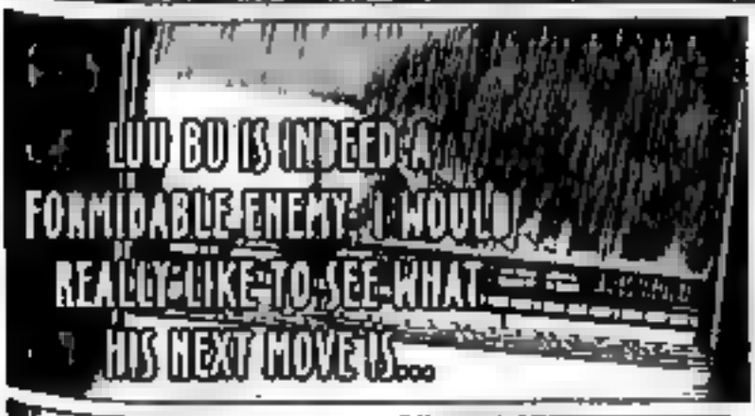
THE TIME HAS NOT COME YET, DO NOT TAKE MATTERS INTO YOUR OWN HANDS

I KNOW, BUT THIS IS CERTAINLY A ONCE IN A LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY

I UNDERSTAND; UNFORTUNATELY, EVERYTHING MUST GO AS PLANNED DON'T FORGET WE HAVE THE GIRL AND WANG YUN.
AND YOU HAVE TO UNDERSTAND THAT KILLING AND SAVING PEOPLE ARE MY SPECIALTIES.



THIS IS TRULY FRIGHTENING. LUU BU MANIPULATED SUCH FORMIDABLE MEN INTO SUCH A STATE!
LIAOYUAN WUO, ARE YOU REALLY LUU BU'S OPPONENT?


LUU BU IS INDEED A FORMIDABLE ENEMY. I WOULD REALLY LIKE TO SEE WHAT HIS NEXT MOVE IS...

I REALIZED SOMETHING...
THOSE WHO ARE THE SO-CALLED INVINCIBLE, BRUTE FORCE ALONE WITHOUT SUPERIOR GUILE, CANNOT TRULY GARNER THE TITLE OF INVINCIBILITY.

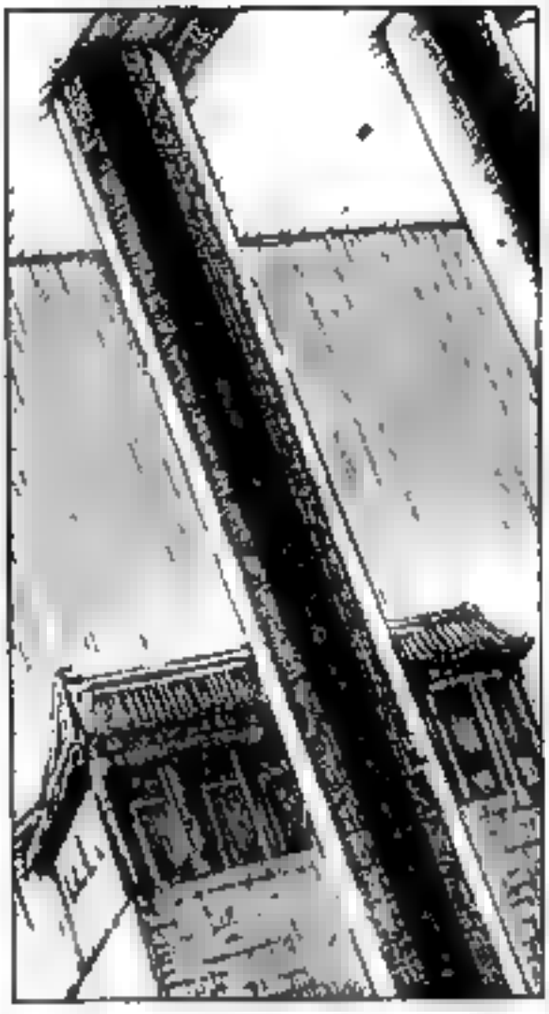
LUU BU! STOP TALKING NONSENSE!
I WANT TO SEE HOW GREAT YOUR BLUFFING SKILLS ARE!

BUT, THINK ABOUT IT...
FOSTER FATHER HAS ALWAYS BEEN STRICT AND FAIR, LI RU POISONED HIS MAJESTY, WHY DIDN'T HE IMMEDIATELY PUNISH HIM?
DONG ZHUO'S PLOT FAILED, THAT'S WHY HE IMPRISONED LI RU.
WHEN I FOUND OUT, IT WAS ALREADY TOO LATE.
MY BROTHER WAS CLEARLY POISONED BY LI RU, WHAT DOES THIS HAVE TO DO WITH DONG ZHUO?

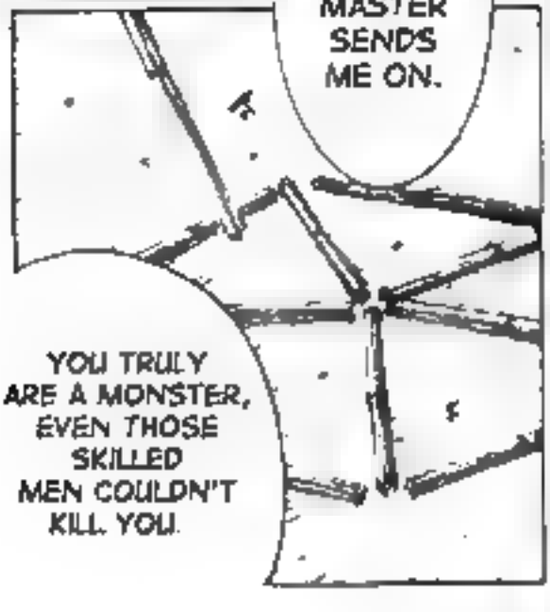
THE PROBLEM IS YOUR MAJESTY'S LEGITIMACY
IF THIS WAS TRUE, HE WANTED TO MAKE ME THE RIGHTFUL HEIR
YOUR BROTHER WAS THE PREVIOUS EMPEROR'S DECREED [redacted]. IN ACCORDANCE TO TRADITION, DONG ZHUO DARES NOT INTERFERE.
YOU'RE DIFFERENT, YOU'RE JUST A PUPPET PROMOTED BY HIM. YOU'RE THE *DE JURE* EMPEROR. HAS YOUR MAJESTY HEARD OF THE PRINCIPLE OF ABDICATION IN THE XIA DYNASTY?
NOTE: THE XIA DYNASTY WAS THE FIRST PRE-HISTORIC CHINESE DYNASTY THE RULE OF SUCCESSION CHANGED FROM ABDICATION AND MERITOCRACY TO HEREDITARY RULE
THAT'S ENOUGH! YOU'RE SAYING THAT DONG ZHUO WAS BEING GOOD TO ME SO THAT I WOULD ABDICATE TO HIM?
HAD LI RU SECRETLY KILLED HIS MAJESTY, THEN ANNOUNCED HIS DEATH FROM ILLNESS, EVERYTHING WOULD HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL.

IT HAS DONG ZHUO'S SEAL!
THE EVIDENCE IS CLEAR: THIS ABDICATION EDICT WAS FOUND IN LI RU'S HOME.
DAMN IT! DONG ZHUO! I BELIEVED IN YOU!!
THE LIU CLAN CANNOT END HERE; LUU BU, WILL YOU HELP ME?

YOUR MAJESTY'S WORD IS GOLD, HOW COULD COMMONERS REFUTE IT?
YOUR SURNAME IS *LUU*, HIS IS *DONG*; WHAT FATHER AND SON RELATION-SHIP?
DON'T FORGET THAT I'M HIS FOSTER SON!
SO NOW I WILL ASK YOU TO DO SOMETHING,



WHAT KIND OF WIND BROUGHT YOU HERE TO GUARD ME TODAY?
WHATEVER WIND MY MASTER SENDS ME ON.


YOU TRULY ARE A MONSTER, EVEN THOSE SKILLED MEN COULDN'T KILL YOU.

AND *FORCE* YOUR MAJESTY TO SIGN THIS ABDICATION EDICT.

AND I .. AM VERY ADEPT AT FORESEEING MEN'S FUTURES.
DON'T FORGET I WAS ONCE AN ASSASSIN, I AM VERY ADEPT AT KILLING MEN.

NO!
THIS TIME
IT'S MY GIFT.
THEN WHAT HAVE YOU FORESEEN? MY MASTER WON'T PAY FOR THE READING
THE MAN WHO KILLS DONG ZHUO WILL DIE SOON.
IT'S DEATH.
THAT'S WHY I SAID YOUR MASTER DOESN'T HAVE TO PAY
THAT'S RIGHT! AS SOON AS THE LEADER OF THE HANDICAPPED WARRIORS COMPLETES HIS TASK, HIS DEATH IS ASSURED THIS EVEN I CAN FORESEE

THAT MORNING, NEWS OF DONG HUANG'S DEATH SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE CITY. ALL THE OFFICIALS PREPARED TO ATTEND THE FUNERAL, AND WANG YUN'S RETIREMENT WAS POSTPONED.

BUT THE MOST FRIGHTENING NEWS WAS THAT LIU BIAN WAS MURDERED.

[illegible] READ AND WHAT YOU'RE SAYING!
THAT'S SCARY! WHO DID IT? WAS IT AN OVERTHROW?
IF WHAT YOU SAY IS TRUE, THEN LUL BU'S RAMPAGE IS TRULY FRIGHTENING IF THIS CONTINUES, WE WILL LOSE FOR SURE!
WHAT DO YOU THINK? DO WE HAVE AN ESCAPE PLAN?
DID YOU FIND OUT WHERE THEY WERE HIDING WANG YUN?
LUU BU HAS TOO MANY HIDEOUTS, WE HAVEN'T FOUND ANYTHING!
DON'T FORGET OUR YOUNG MASTER'S STRATEGIES USUALLY COME LATE
WE DID IT LAST TIME IN LUOYANG, WE CAN DO IT AGAIN THIS TIME.
THERE IS MORE TO THIS [illegible] TRICKS?

SO, LET'S SEE WHAT LUU BU DOES FIRST!

RUBBISH, WHERE DID YOU HEAR THAT?
IT'S THE TRUTH, MY COUSIN WORKS IN THE PALACE...
NOW THE PALACE IS IN CHAOS AND EVERYONE'S IN A PANIC!

THE... EMPEROR HAS ALREADY SIGNED HIS ABDICATION TO DONG ZHUO!

BIG... BIG TROUBLE!

LOOKS LIKE SOMETHING BIG IS GOING TO HAPPEN. LET'S ALL HURRY HOME.
I HEARD THAT DONG ZHUO KILLED THE OLD EMPEROR, THEN FORCED THE EMPEROR TO SIGN...
OLD CHEN, IS THIS FOR REAL OR ARE YOU BLUFFING AGAIN?
I MAKE UP SOME WILD STORIES ONCE IN A WHILE, BUT THIS TIME IT'S ABSOLUTELY TRUE!
DO NOT UNDERESTIMATE THEIR WILL. THE VICTOR HASN'T BEEN DECIDED, LET'S SEE WHAT WILL HAPPEN IN THE MORNING.
LET THEM ALL DIE!
WAITER, BILL!
FRAMING DONG ZHUO THEN PITTING THE XILIANG FACTION AGAINST THE IMPERIAL LOYALIST FACTION THIS PERFORMANCE IS TRULY EXCITING
ISN'T IT A WASTE?
THIS IS CHANGAN'S FAMOUS RESTAURANT; LEAVING WITHOUT FINISHING THE FOOD.

EVERYONE'S TIRED, LET'S EAT
MY FEELINGS EXACTLY
SONGZI, DO YOU NEED TO PERSONALLY DELIVER YOUR BAG OF TRICKS?
LUU BU'S TOO STRONG, I REALLY DON'T HAVE ANY TRICKS LEFT IN THE BAG.

TO GO UP AGAINST THIS TYPE OF PERSON.
I MUST DO IT PERSONALLY.

TO TAKE THE WORLD,
YOU KILL YOUR MASTER TO GAIN POWER.
PEOPLE WOULD CALL THIS "DISLOYAL AND UNFILIAL".
DOES ONE REALLY NEED TO RATHER
WAGE WAR AND WREAK HAVOC
UPON ALL FORMS OF LIFE?
IF ALL WERE EQUAL, THEN YI'S*
STRANGE ARGUMENT WOULD INSTEAD
CALL THE FORMER COURSE "HUMANE AND MERCIFUL."

* THIS REFERS TO SIMA YI.

YOU ARE NOT A HUMAN BEING.
WITHOUT MERCY.
WITHOUT SHAME
YOU ARE NOT A HUMAN BEING.
WITHOUT A MIND TO COMPROMISE
YOU ARE NOT A HUMAN BEING.
A HUMAN BEING?
OR NOT?

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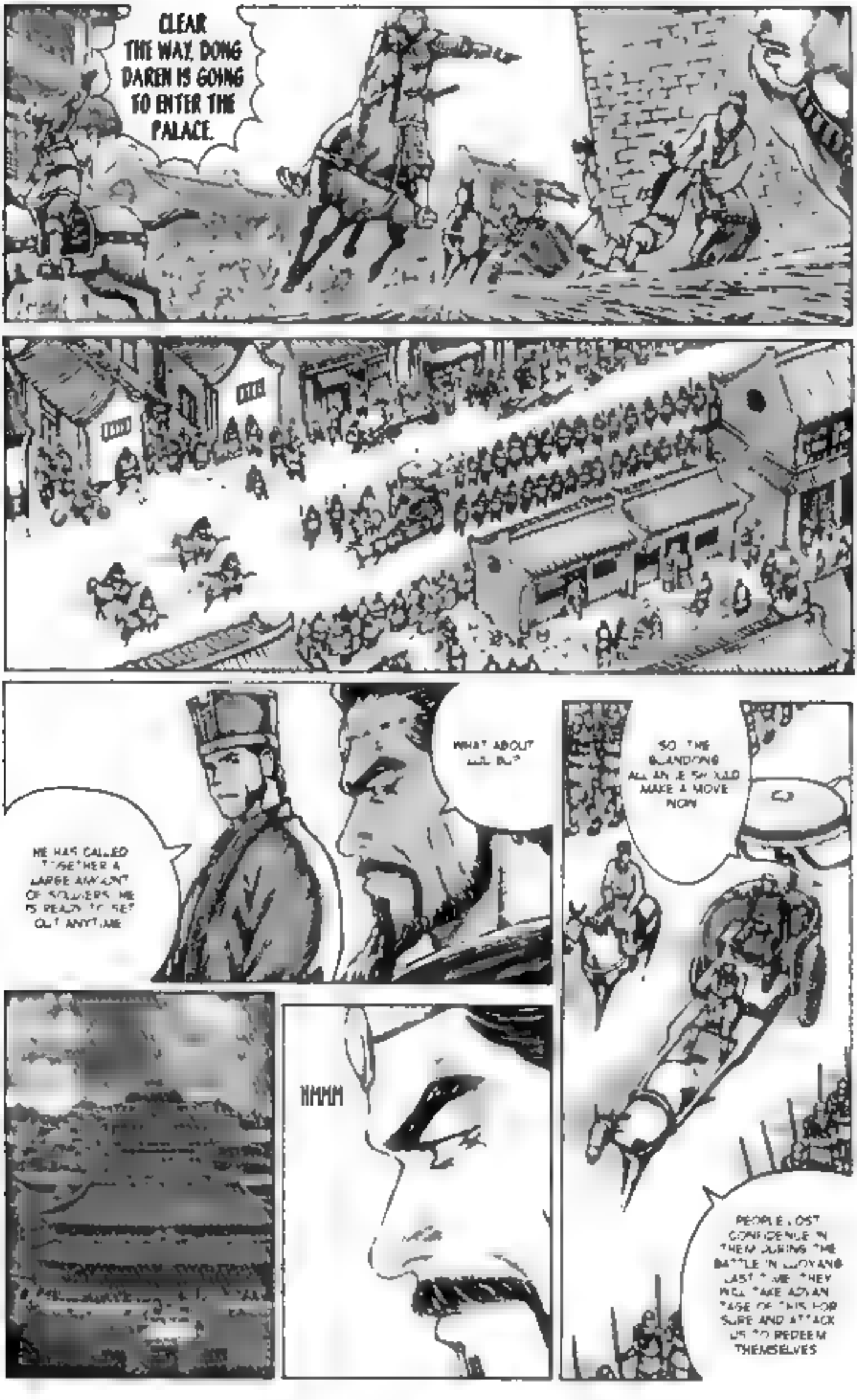
MASTER, WE ARE IN BIG TROUBLE!
JUST NOW... I DREAMED ABOUT MENCIUS.
YES... YES.
REBEL-LION?
QUICK!
ORDER THE LOYAL SOLDIERS NEARBY AND OUTSIDE THE CITY TO MARCH TO THE OUTSIDE OF THE PASS TO PREPARE.
YES!
SINCE LIU PAN DIED, RUMORS HAVE BEEN EVERYWHERE. WHEN THE RUMORS REACHED BEYOND THE CAPITAL, SOME GRAND ADMINISTRATORS WHO SUPPORT THE FORMER EMPEROR WERE VERY DISCONTENT.
SOME ARE AFRAID OF BEING KILLED BY MASTER, OTHERS ARE FILLED WITH INDIGNATION. THEY HAVE GATHERED SEVERAL TENS OF THOUSAND PEOPLE.

MASTER, MAKE SURE YOU DON'T TAKE LIU XIE'S PLACE AND BECOME EMPEROR.
RIGHT! MASTER, IF YOU DO THIS, EVERYONE WILL ACCUSE YOU OF BEING A TRAITOR.
MASTER! PLEASE RE-CONSIDER!

YES. THE EMPEROR SUDDENLY ANNOUNCED A DECREE THIS MORNING, SAYING THAT HE WILL ABDICATE AND LET JIANSHI SUCCEED HIM ON THE THRONE.
THE WHOLE CITY WAS SHOCKED. NOW THE CITY IS A MESS. I AM AFRAID THAT? IT IS LIKE ADDING FUEL TO THE FIRE FOR THE REBELLION.
THAT IS THE ORIGIN OF THE TROUBLE

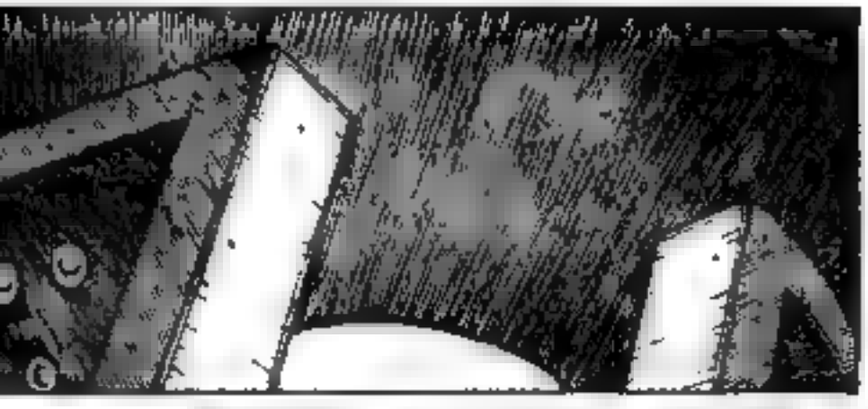
LISTEN!
THIS ABDICATION WAS NOT MY IDEA. DO NOT MAKE RANDOM SPECULATIONS
SEEMS THAT LIU BIAN'S MISFORTUNE REALLY SCARED THE EMPEROR...
HOWEVER, HE STILL HAS THE TEMPERAMENT OF A CHILD
WHERE IS EVERYBODY ELSE?
MOST OF THEM ARE STILL IN THE PALACE TRYING TO FIND OUT THE TRUTH.
GREAT! GET READY!

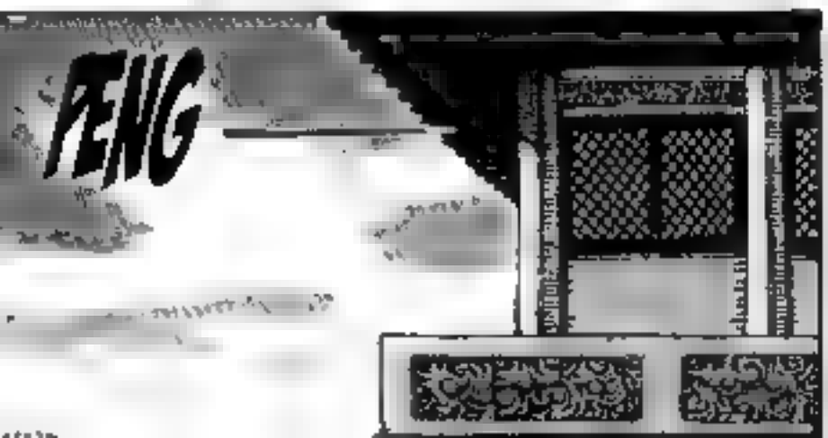

CLEAR THE WAY. DONG DAREN IS GOING TO ENTER THE PALACE.
WHAT ABOUT LIU BU?
HMMM
SO THE GUANDONG ALLIANCE SHOULD MAKE A MOVE NOW
PEOPLE LOST CONFIDENCE IN THEM DURING THE BATTLE IN LUOYANG LAST TIME. THEY WILL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS FOR SURE AND ATTACK US TO REDEEM THEMSELVES

CHANGAN PALACE
OUR LORD HAS ARRIVED!
OUR LORD HAS ARRIVED!
OUR LORD HAS ARRIVED!
LORD! PLEASE RECONSIDER THE ABDICATION!

DON'T CROWD AROUND OUR LORD!
DON'T CROWD AROUND HERE! LET ME SPEAK! LET ME SPEAK FIRST!
MY LORD! THIS WILL BE BAD FOR YOUR REPUTATION!

GET OUT OF THE WAY QUICKLY! OUR LORD WOULD LIKE TO ENTER THE PALACE TO FIND OUT THE TRUTH.
EVERYBODY, PLEASE DON'T WORRY! THE ABDICATION WAS NOT OUR LORD'S IDEA!

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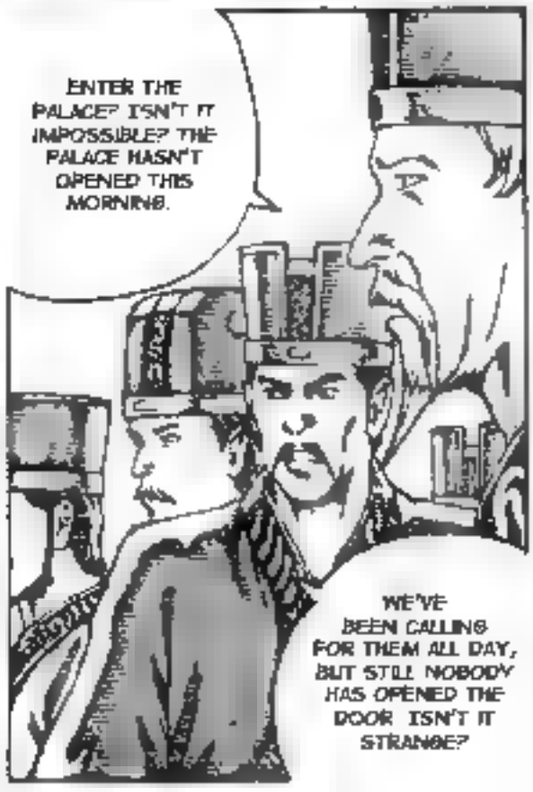
ENTER THE PALACE? ISN'T IT IMPOSSIBLE? THE PALACE HASN'T OPENED THIS MORNING.
WE'VE BEEN CALLING FOR THEM ALL DAY, BUT STILL NOBODY HAS OPENED THE DOOR. ISN'T IT STRANGE?

THE ENTRANCE... WAS CLOSED FOR NO REASON?
WHAT ON EARTH IS WRONG?
SEEMS LIKE..
THE LITTLE EMPEROR IS HAVING A TANTRUM!
KA
THIS SOUND.. IS VERY FAMILIAR
YES! I SEEM TO HAVE HEARD IT IN THE PALACE IN LUOYANG BEFORE
THE SOUND IS COMING FROM THERE.

WHO GOES THERE? COME OUT NOW!
COME OUT!
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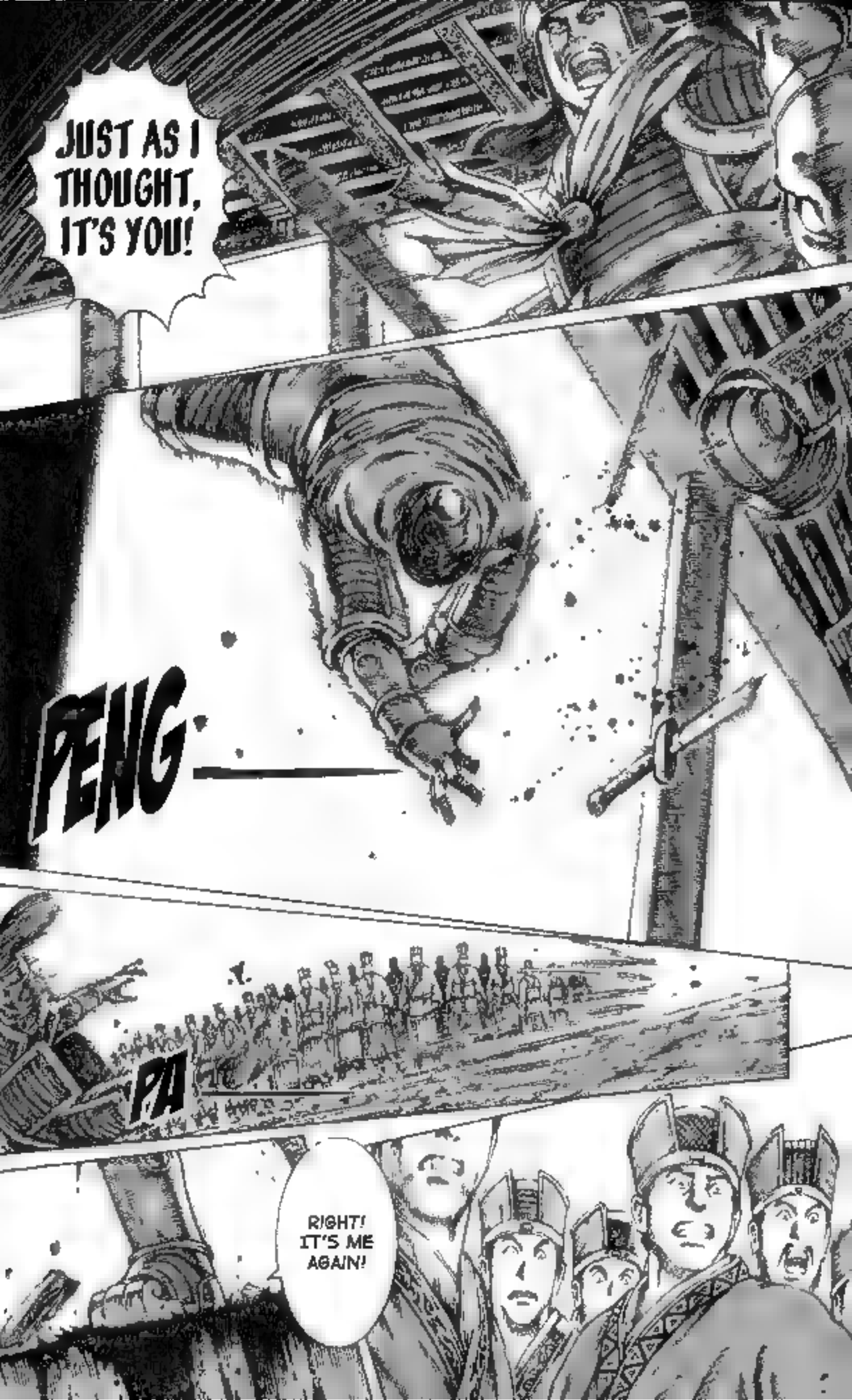
JUST AS I THOUGHT, IT'S YOU!
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RIGHT! IT'S ME AGAIN!

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WARRIORS!
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THE HANDICAPPED WARRIORS ARE ATTACKING! COME ON, EVERYBODY! DON'T LET THEM HARM OUR LORD!
AH
STABLEMAN! LEAD OUR LORD OUT OF HERE NOW.

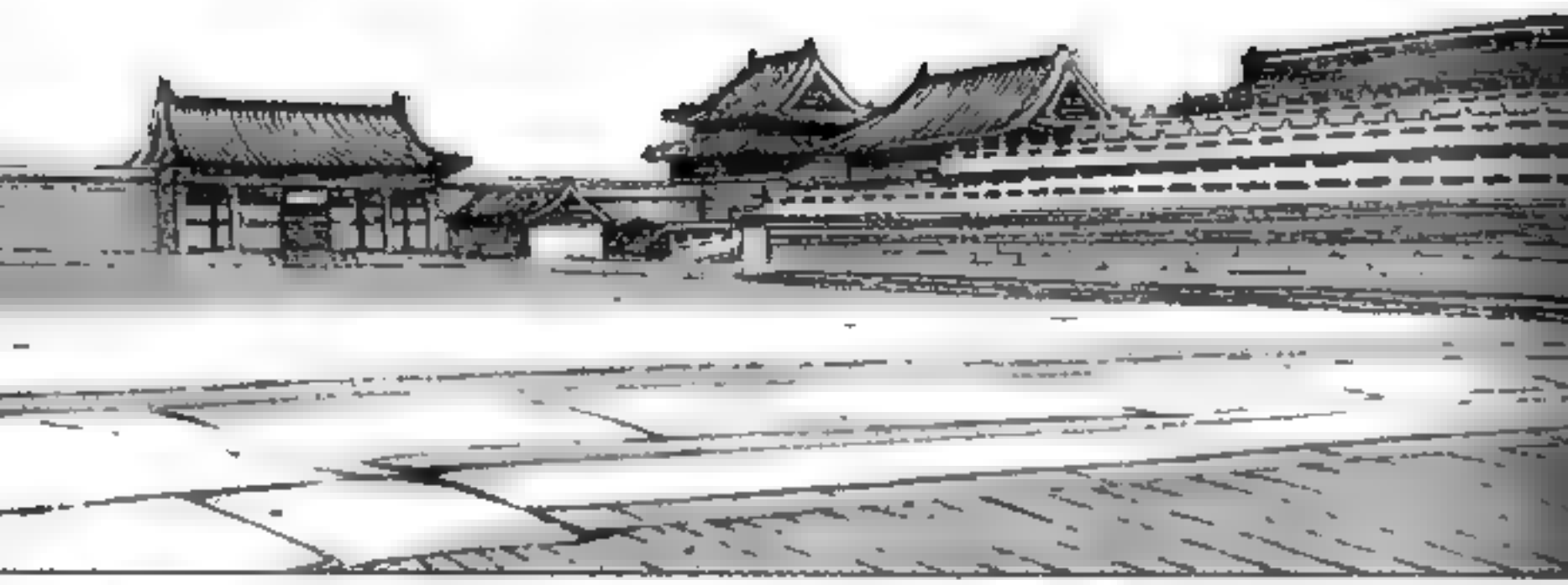
OH! WE FELL INTO THEIR TRAP!
AH
PA

TSH

GO AND PROTECT OUR LORD!
HERE COMES ANOTHER ONE! BE CAREFUL!
KILL
KILL

ATTACK! CHOP HIM INTO PIECES!
MASTER, LET THEM DEAL WITH THIS! LEAVE WITH US!
LI RU DOES WANT TO USURP THE THRONE!
REBELS! REBELS!
LET'S HIDE IN THE HALL FOR NOW.
WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? CLOSE THE DOOR!

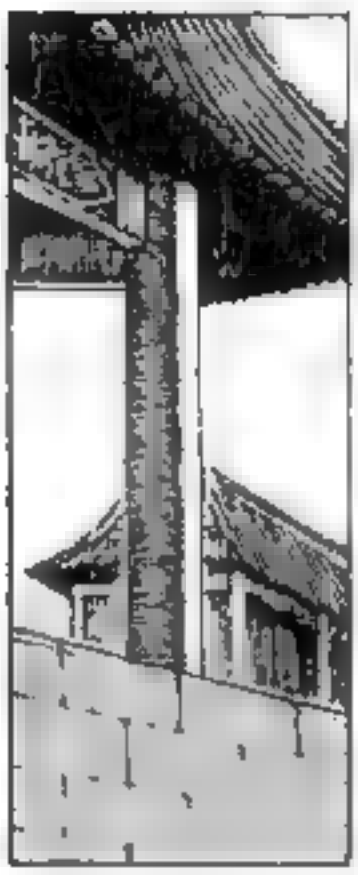
MY FEELINGS EXACTLY!



NOBODY IS AROUND! IT SEEMS THAT LI RU HAS PREPARED TO KILL OUR LORD.
UNFORTUNATELY, ALL THE SOLDIERS INSIDE THE CITY HAVE BEEN DEPLOYED TO FIGHT AGAINST THE REBELS OUTSIDE. NOW...

ANYBODY THERE? OPEN THE DOOR!
SOMEBODY HAS ATTACKED OUR LORD! CAN ANYBODY HEAR ME?

ZHANG LIAO IS SERIOUSLY INJURED HOW CAN HE BE HERE?
HAHA! THAT'S THE BEST ALIBI!



HE LURED US INTO THE PALACE. DOES THAT MEAN HE WANTS TO KILL US ALL?
DAMN! OPEN THE DOOR! ANYBODY THERE? WHERE IS THE PALACE CAPTAIN ZHANG LIAO?

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DO YOU MEAN LUU BU'S STRATEGY ?

HOW GREAT!

NO, I MEAN THE TWO PEOPLE IN THE SQUARE

W...WE?

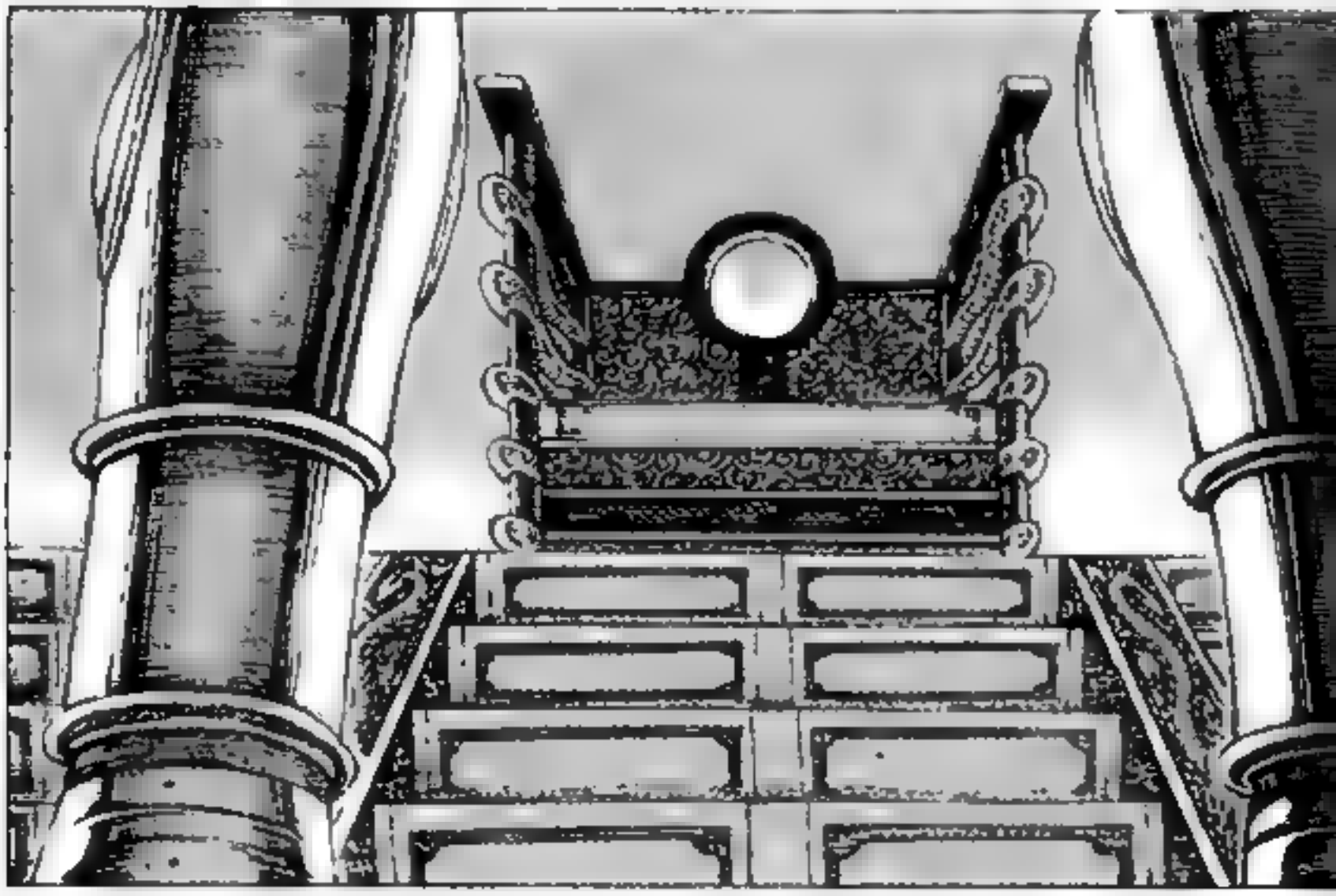
DON'T WORRY! [redacted] THEM. WHY SHOULD WE BE AFRAID? YOU PEOPLE SHOULD MOVE FORWARD AS WELL.

GENERAL DENG! KEEP UP!

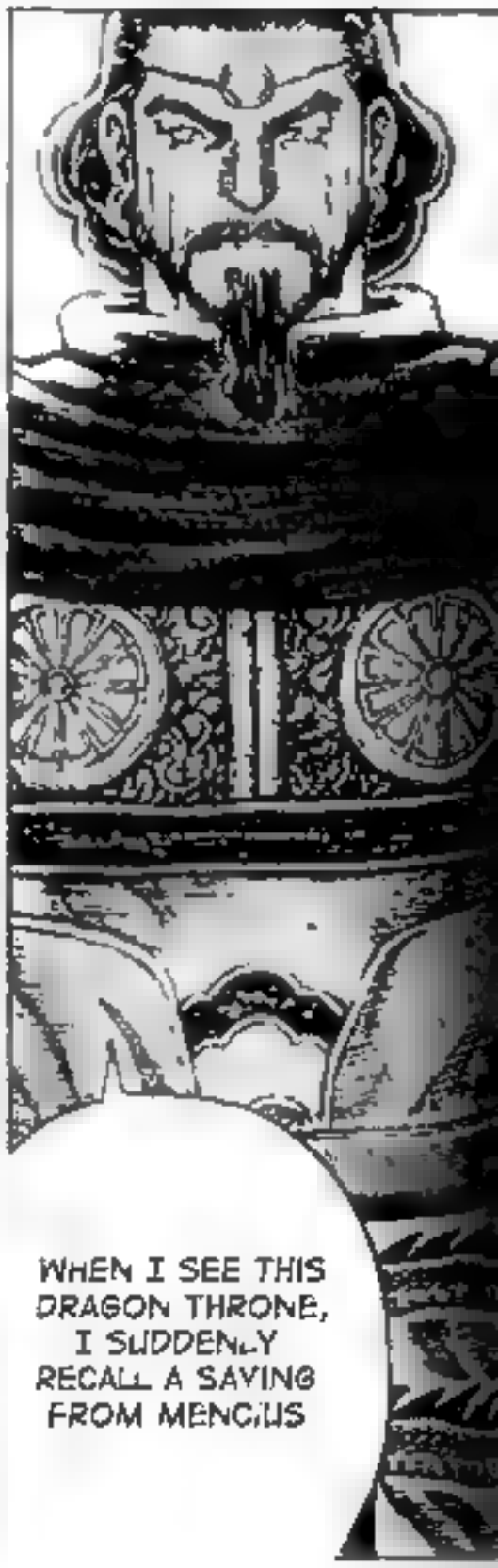
EVERYTHING IS FINE. TIME TO START

IS IT ABOUT TIME FOR HUO TO START AS WELL?

AS LONG AS WE KEEP UP, WE WILL HAVE OUR CHANCE WHEN THESE SOLDIERS IN THE CITY ARE CHANGING SHIFTS LORD, EVERYTHING IS FINE!



THE MORE A HIGH RANKING PERSON LOVES SOMETHING,



THE MORE THE SUBORDINATES WILL OBSESS OVER IT

WHEN I SEE THIS DRAGON THRONE, I SUDDENLY RECALL A SAYING FROM MENCIUS

HOW COULD I FAIL TO KNOW? YOU ARE THE SPY HE SENT TO WATCH OVER ME

RIGHT! HE... HE HAS ALREADY COME.

CRACK

I REMEMBERED THAT THERE WERE MORE THAN FOUR PEOPLE HERE.

IT DOESN'T MATTER, DOES IT? THEY ALL HAVE TO DIE ANYWAYS

TO TELL THE TRUTH, I DON'T REALLY WANT TO KILL YOU

WHY?

HOWEVER, HE HAS TO KEEP ON ACTING

BECAUSE IF YOU DIE, HE WILL BE IN TROUBLE

MENCIUS WAS RIGHT. YOU LOVE POWER, BUT THE PEOPLE UNDER YOU LOVE IT EVEN MORE HOWEVER...

IT IS SAID THAT ONLY A CAPABLE PERSON CAN HAVE IT

THIS TIME HE WAS A BIT LATE HE HAS TO WATCH THE HANDICAPPED WARRIORS KILL..

ARE YOU COMING TO SAVE ME, OR TO KILL ME?

DONG ZHUO!

IF THE ADOPTIVE FATHER IS IN DANGER, HOW CAN THE ADOPTED SON LEAVE HIM ALONE? HOWEVER..

I WILL TAKE YOUR LIFE !

<SFX CLANK>

My god!

LUU BU, I AM AFRAID THAT YOU CAN'T ACT AS THE FILIAL SON WHO AROUSES COM-PASSION

IT IS SAID THAT FILIAL PIETY GOES FIRST HOWEVER, YOUR SO-CALLED FILIAL PIETY

WAS JUST USED BY ME TO CONQUER THE COUNTRY

RIGHT! WE SHOULD SAY THAT WE'VE KNOWN THAT WE WOULD SURVIVE SINCE JUST THIS MORNING

YOUR TACTIC WAS NOT SUSPECTED BY YOUR OWN PEOPLE YOU ARE TRULY A GENIUS

HOWEVER, A GENIUS SHOULD NOT HIDE HIMSELF

ARE YOU STILL ALIVE ?

UNFOR-TUNATELY, A LOT OF PEOPLE STILL LOST THEIR LIVES

GENERAL LUU HAS SO MANY SPIES IF I DON'T DECEIVE EVERY-BODY, HOW CAN I MAKE YOU GIVE THE SHOW AWAY?

FATHER-IN-LAW DAREN, THIS IS THE PRICE OF NURTURING A TIGER.

CRACK

AS LONG AS THEY UNDER-STAND ONE THING "WHO IS THE KING OF THE TIGERS?"

TIGER CAN EAT PEOPLE, BUT SOME PEOPLE CAN ALSO CONQUER THE COUNTRY WITH THE TIGER'S STATE-LINESS,

WHAT A PITY.. THERE ARE TIMES WHEN A TIGER IS FULL. LUL BU, YOU SHOULD NOT SPARE HIS LIFE!

THIS TIGER IS SMART, BUT IT DOESN'T UNDERSTAND ONE THING.

WRONG, WRONG, WRONG! IF THE TIGER EATS ITS MASTER'S DOG, THE TIGER WILL NO LONGER HAVE ITS MASTER'S TRUST.

THERE WILL BE LITTLE CHANCE IN FUTURE THAT ITS MASTER WILL SLACK OFF

THAT IS HE SHOULD REALIZE WHICH DOG HIS MASTER TRUSTS MOST.

ALTHOUGH I DID LIKE DONG HUANG VERY MUCH, HE WAS NOT THE RIGHT PERSON

I'M CONFUSED DO YOU MEAN THAT DONG HUANG WAS FALSELY FAVORED? YOU ACTUALLY ALLOWED HIM TO

SO, YOU ALREADY KNEW THAT LÜ BU WAS PLANNING TO USURP THE THRONE

THAT'S WHY YOU HAD DONG HUANG THERE AS BAIT?

HIS EXISTENCE SERVED AS A WARNING FOR ME

WHAT I WANTED WAS EVIDENCE TO PROVE HIS AMBITION.

LÜ BU WAS SO INFLUENTIAL. I WAS AFRAID THAT IF I KILLED HIM, PEOPLE MIGHT NOT BE CONVINCED

FURTHER MORE, HE LED THE HANDICAPPED WARRIORS TO ASSASSINATE OUR LORD. DID YOU ALL SEE OF THIS?

HE MURDERED THE FIRST YOUNG MASTER, POISONED THE OLD EMPEROR, AND CIRCUMVENTED L. RU

LORD, ALLOW US TO KILL THIS SCUM!

DAMN! LÜ BU, WE REGARDED YOU AS A HERO. LITTLE DID WE REALIZE THAT YOU WERE SUCH AN AMBITIOUS PERSON.

I HAVE USED SOMEBODY TO EXPAND MY TERRITORY, AND NOW I FEEL THE GROUNDWORK IS SOLID

ALL THE OBSTACLES ARE REMOVED PLEASE GIVE THE ORDERS!

YOU ARE MORE TACTFUL THAN LUU BU IT PROVES THAT I DIDN'T MARRY MY DAUGHTER TO YOU FOR NOTHING

MY TRUE HEIR.

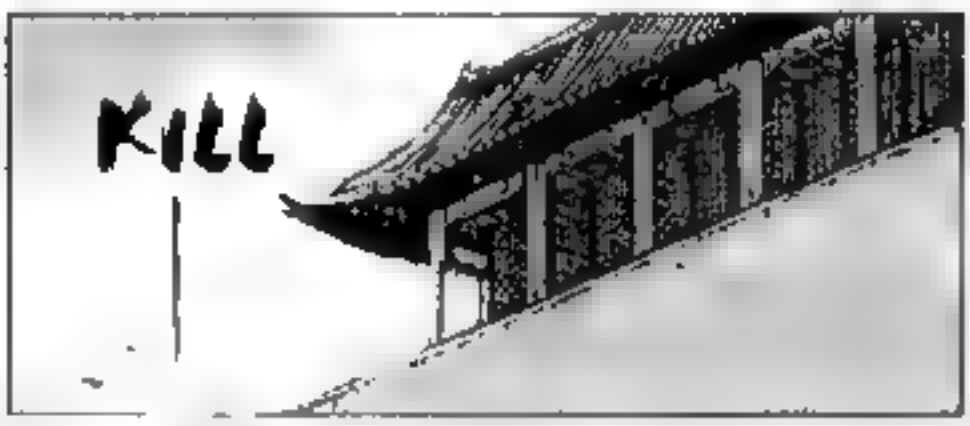
THANK YOU.

THANK YOU!

DON'T FORGET! WANG YUN AND THE GIRL ARE STILL IN MY HANDS

I UNDERSTAND! IT SEEMS THAT I HAVE TO ACCOMPANY THE TIGER TODAY..

THIS IS BULLYING PEOPLE BY FLAUNTING ONE'S CONNECTIONS TO THE POWERFUL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GENERAL ZHANG! OUTSIDE... OUTSIDE...

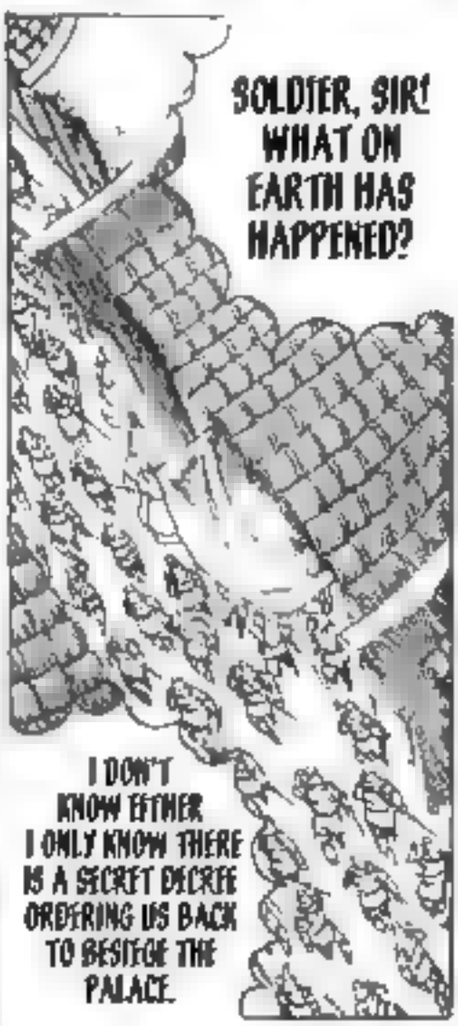
IT'S QUITE STRANGE IS THERE SOMETHING WRONG INSIDE?
I'LL GO AND HAVE A LOOK

WHY DID THEY SUDDENLY COME BACK?

DONG... DONG ZHUO'S OWN SOLDIERS? AREN'T THEY FIGHTING WITH THE REBELS OUTSIDE?

The person who is leading the soldiers is a subordinate of Li Ru!

THEY'RE ALL GOING TO THE PALACE. IT DOES SEEM TO BE A MUTINY.


SOLDIER, SIR! WHAT ON EARTH HAS HAPPENED?
I DON'T KNOW EITHER. I ONLY KNOW THERE IS A SECRET DECREE ORDERING US BACK TO BESIEGE THE PALACE.

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WE WILL LOSE THE EASTERN GATE AT ANY TIME! ZHANG LIAO, WHAT SHOULD WE DO NOW?
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XIU
XIU
XIU

DON'T WORRY! WITH LUU BU HERE,
HOLD ON! AS SOON AS DONG ZHUO IS DEAD, THE MASTER WILL COME OUT.
EVERY-THING WILL BE FINE.
CA

RIGHT!
ACTUALLY, ZHANG LIAO IS AS EXCELLENT AS LUU BU.
IS THERE ANYTHING WE SHOULD BE AFRAID OF AT ALL?
EXACTLY!
WITH LUU BU INSIDE AND ME OUTSIDE, NO MATTER HOW MANY ENEMIES THERE ARE, WE WILL HOLD THEM BACK!
ZHANG LIAO IS RIGHT. AS LONG AS WE CAN HOLD THE LINE AT THE PALACE, *FORTUNE* AND *HONOR* WILL BE WITHIN OUR REACH.
RIGHT! LET'S FIGHT TO THE END!
HOLD ON!
PA

FROM BEHIND!
BUT FROM BEHIND...

PA
PA
PA
ZHA
-NG
LIAO
!
QUICK, LOOK BEHIND YOU!

THERE IS AN AMBUSH INSIDE THE PALACE.

LI SU DAREN, BEYOND THE GATE... BEYOND THE GATE...

IMPOSSIBLE! HOW CAN THERE BE AN AMBUSH?

KILL

A SECOND DIVISION HAS ARRIVED.

THERE IS AN AMBUSH ON THE INSIDE THERE ARE REINFORCEMENTS ON THE OUTSIDE

ANG, WHAT DO YOU THINK?
WHAT ELSE? WE WALKED INTO THE AMBUSH.
COME THIS WAY! SURROUND THEM!
IT'S SO STRANGE! WHERE ON EARTH DID THEY COME FROM?

DON'T WORRY. OUR TROOPS WILL OCCUPY THIS PLACE SOON.

THERE'S NOT ENOUGH TIME TO EXPLAIN. QUICKLY, FOLLOW ME!

GENERAL ZHOU, WHAT ON EARTH HAS HAPPENED?

DAREN, TO AVOID INJURIES, PLEASE FOLLOW ME TO THE BACK OF THE PALACE TO HIDE TEMPORARILY.

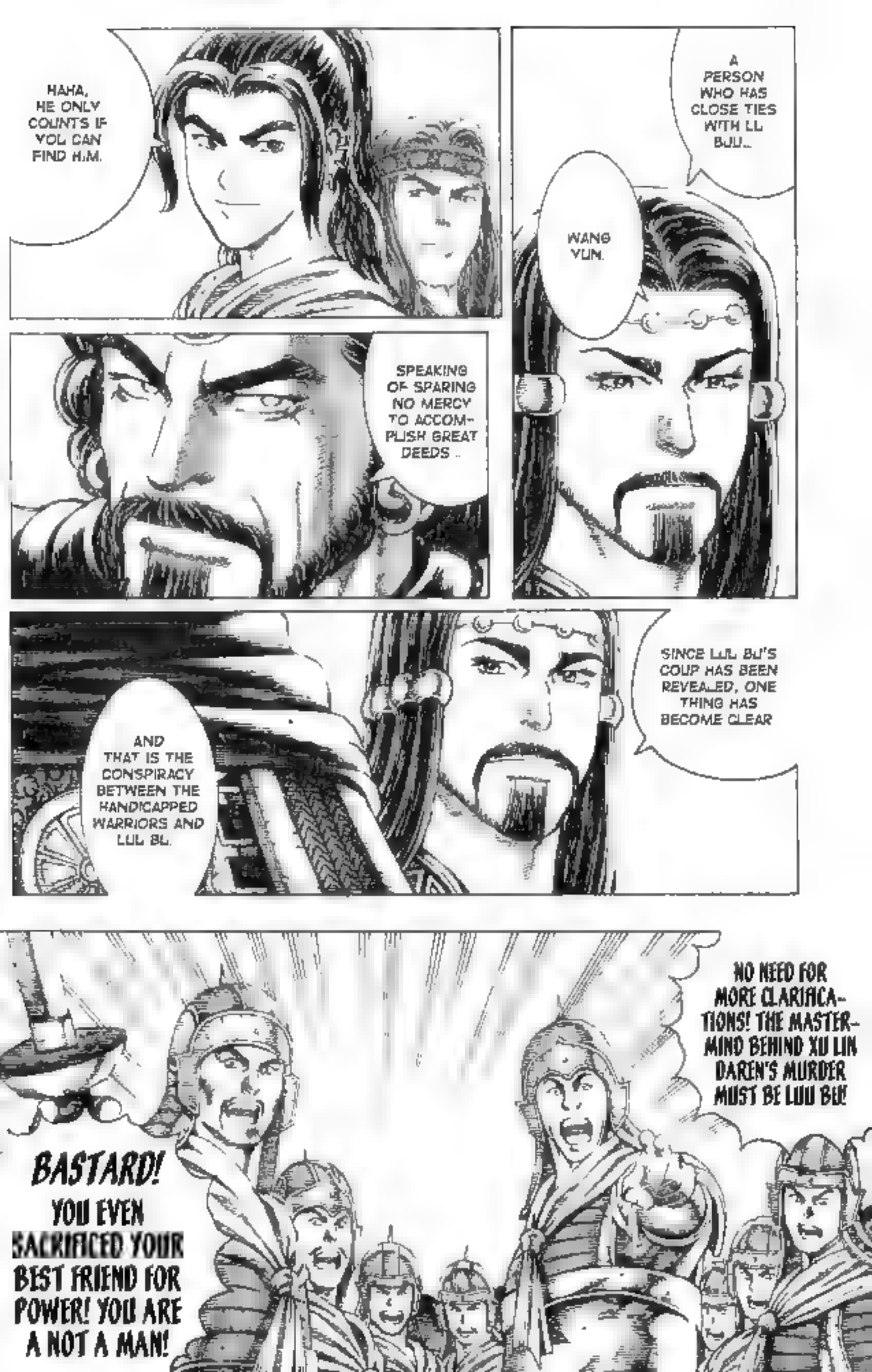
AHS, WE'RE IN TROUBLE

THEY'RE ARCHERS. *RUN!*

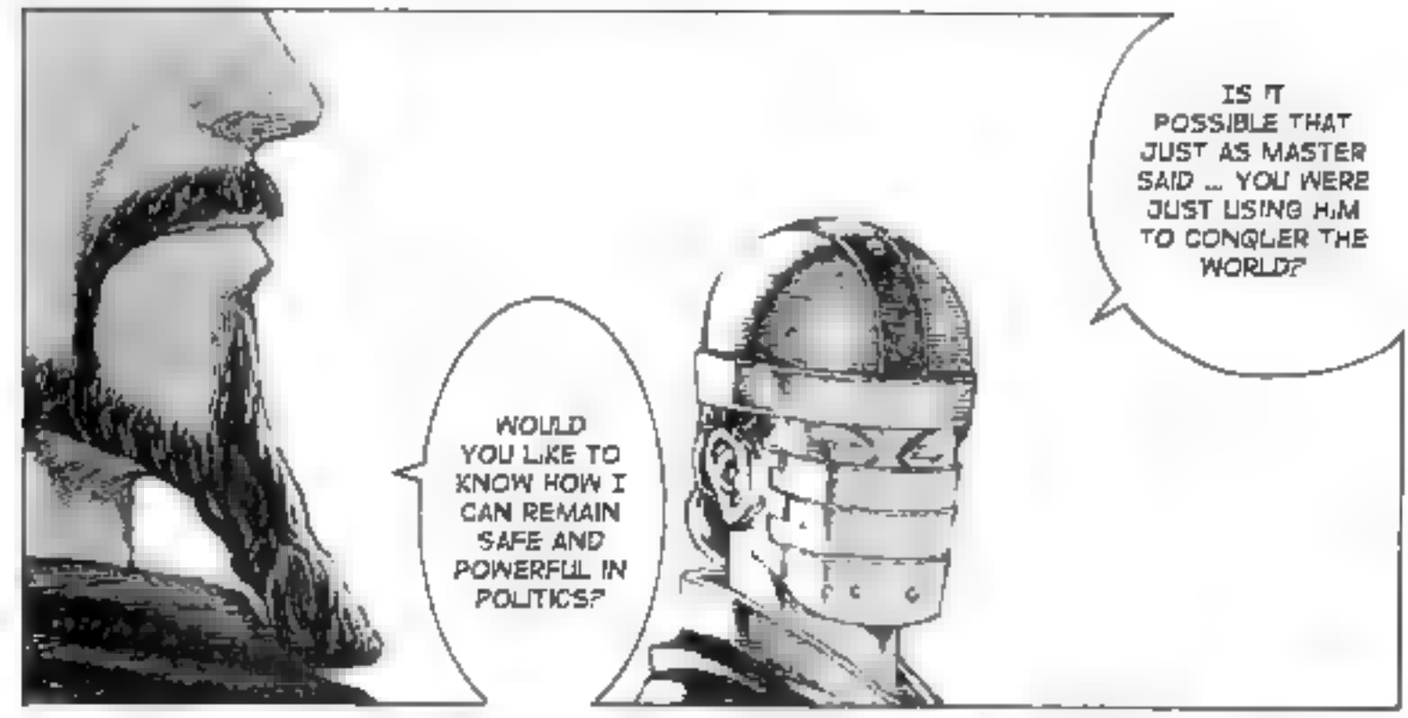
DLING
DLING
DLING
NICE
SKILLS!

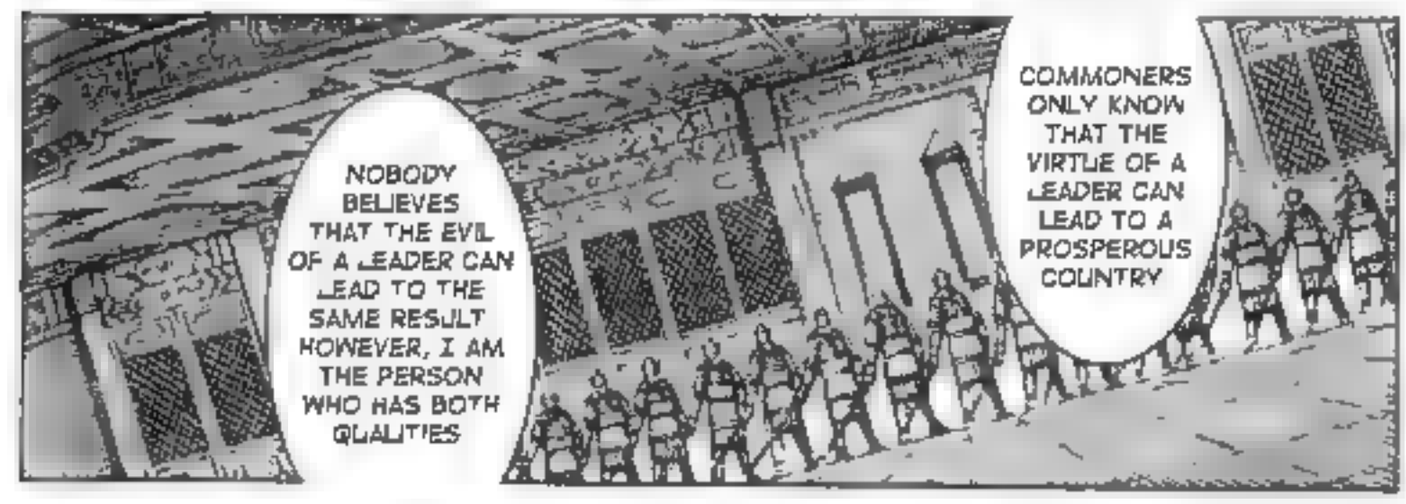
SUCH A PITY THAT NONE ARE ACCOMPLISHED
THERE HAVE BEEN SO MANY TALENTED PEOPLE SINCE WE RENOUNCED THE UNDERWORLD
DAMN! NEITHER ONE OF THESE TWO PEOPLE...
PON
IS WORSE THAN YOU!

SHUN
YES HE MUST BE ONE OF THEM.
DID ANYONE ELSE TRY TO GET YOU GUYS TO SWITCH SIDES?
WE LIANG
WU HAI
CHEN HU
I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT LIU BU HAS EVEN BOUGHT THEM OFF
BUT I JUST CAN'T BELIEVE THAT MA YUN WAS ONE OF THEM.
ANYONE WHO IS SUSPICIOUS SHALL RECEIVE NO MERCY
THIS IS ONE OF THE KEYS TO ACCOMPLISHING GREAT DEEDS
WAIT THERE IS ONE MORE


HAHA, HE ONLY COUNTS IF YOU CAN FIND H.M.
A PERSON WHO HAS CLOSE TIES WITH LL BUU..
WANG YUN.
SPEAKING OF SPARING NO MERCY TO ACCOM-PLISH GREAT DEEDS ..
SINCE LUL BU'S COUP HAS BEEN REVEALED, ONE THING HAS BECOME CLEAR
AND THAT IS THE CONSPIRACY BETWEEN THE HANDICAPPED WARRIORS AND LUL BU.
NO NEED FOR MORE CLARIFICA-TIONS! THE MASTER-MIND BEHIND XU LIN DAREN'S MURDER MUST BE LUU BU!
BASTARD!
YOU EVEN SACRIFICED YOUR BEST FRIEND FOR POWER! YOU ARE A NOT A MAN!

TOO SOON
HOW DID IT HAPPEN SO FAST..
FANTASTIC! SUCH A SUDDEN TURN! YOUR REPUTATION HAS NOW HIT BOTTOM
THERE IS ONLY ONE ANSWER.
THE WAY OF EMPLOY-ING MEN.
YOU HAVE SUCH GREAT AMBITION TO HAVE REACHED THIS FAR IN A SHORT YEAR
SUCH A PITY THAT NOBODY UNDERSTANDS WHY I ALLOWED YOU TO DO THIS


IS IT POSSIBLE THAT JUST AS MASTER SAID ... YOU WERE JUST USING HIM TO CONQUER THE WORLD?
WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW HOW I CAN REMAIN SAFE AND POWERFUL IN POLITICS?


COMMONERS ONLY KNOW THAT THE VIRTUE OF A LEADER CAN LEAD TO A PROSPEROUS COUNTRY
NOBODY BELIEVES THAT THE EVIL OF A LEADER CAN LEAD TO THE SAME RESULT HOWEVER, I AM THE PERSON WHO HAS BOTH QUALITIES

IF ONE KNOWS HOW TO GIVE PEOPLE RESPONSIBILITIES ACCORDING TO THEIR ABILITIES AND TO TAKE THEM AWAY WHEN NEEDED, ONE HAS THE TRUE WISDOM.
MOREOVER WHO ELSE WOULD DARE TO TAKE IN SOMEBODY WHO HAS BETRAYED HIS FATHER (DING YUAN) FOR POWER?

BUT I DID, BECAUSE I NEED SOMEONE WITH THE ABILITY OF A GREAT GENERAL.
I KNEW EVEN MORE THAT NEEDED AN IDIOT MORE WORTH USURPING THAN DING YLAN
EACH OF US HAS BEEN TRYING TO CHEAT AND USE THE OTHER. NOW THAT OUR GOAL IS ACHIEVED, THE CONSPIRACY HAS UNFOLDED. I HAVE ALL THE REASONS TO ELIMINATE YOU, THE SO-CALLED HERO WHO HELPED ME TO FOUND THE NATION.

YOU COULD HAVE BEEN REMEMBERED AS A HERO, BUT NOW YOU WILL BE REMEMBERED AS A SYMBOL OF INFAMY

LI RU!

I DO NOT WISH TO SEE THIS PERSON AGAIN

MY SENTIMENTS EXACTLY

YOU ARE SUCH A GENIUS IT'S A PITY THAT YOU ARE NOT VIRTUOUS

GENERALS! LÜ BU IS GOING TO HAVE A REAL HEADACHE THIS TIME
KILL
KILL

LUU BU, WHAT ARE YOU DOING, JUST STANDING THERE?

FIND AN OPENING AND BREAK THROUGH!

DANG

DANG

LUU BU, DID YOU HEAR ME?

LUU BU!
YOU ARE RIGHT
MY HEAD REALLY ACHES NOW

LOOK! LI SU IS STILL ALIVE! GO AND TAKE HIM QUICKLY!

DAREN! THE NORTHERN GATE IS LOST! WE HAVE NO WAY TO RETREAT!

TO THE SOUTH! THERE ARE STILL OUR SOLDIERS IN THE SOUTH! GO THERE QUICKLY.

THERE IS NO NEED FOR THAT THE SOUTHERN GATE HAS BEEN LOST AS WELL!

WE ARE TRULY FINISHED THIS TIME!
KILL
INSIDE THE PALACE

CA
XIU
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CA
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XIU
ANG, I WILL COVER UP FOR YOU. RETREAT QUICKLY!

GOOD NEWS! THE FORCES OF LUU BU WERE VANQUISHED.
THERE IS NO NEED TO RETREAT. MOST OF THEIR TROOPS ARE INSIDE NOW.
ANG! YOU?
DAMN! ZHANG LEI, YOU'RE FASTER. THEREFORE, YOU MUST BE FASTER AT RETREATING.
RIGHT! IF YOU'RE NOT RUNNING AWAY NOW, HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO WAIT?
IDIOT! COME BACK!
THOUGH ONE IS A SURVIVOR
I WILL BLOCK THEM OFF. DON'T FORGET THAT I AM THE VANGUARD.

ONE TUMBLES LIKE A LAND-SLIDE!

AFTER DEFEAT,

ONE HAS NO PROS-PECTS!

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